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GREEKS CONTINUE TO HOLD ALL POSITIONS: BRITISH GUNS ARRIVE

Special to the "Telegraph"

SALONIKA, NOV. 8 (UP).—COMPETENT QUARTERS TOLD THE "UNITED PRESS" TO-DAY THAT ALL GREEK OBJECTIVES SO FAR, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, HAVE BEEN RETAINED. THEY SAID, "NOWHERE HAVE THE ITALIANS MADE CONTACT WITH THE GREEK FORTIFICATIONS SINCE THE GREEKS ARE NOW FIGHTING WITH MOST OF THEIR FRONT ON ALBANIAN SOIL. AT ALL POINTS WHERE CONTACT WITH THE ITALIAN FORCES HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, THE ITALIAN FORCES HAVE BEEN REPULSED.

HITLER MAKES A SPEECH

Celebrates Anniversary

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—Hitler was present to-night when the Old Guard of the unsuccessful Nazi putsch of 1923 celebrated the anniversary of the first protest of new Germany against the Treaty of Versailles, says a German news agency despatch from Munich.

Hitler spoke from the rostrum. As he rose to begin a great silence fell over the packed hall, decorated simply with flags and the swastika. Near the rostrum places were reserved for Rosenberg, Schwarz, Henlein and Himmler, with "Adolf Hitler Storm Troops" on the left.

A bloody standard was carried into the hall at 6 p.m. to the strains of the Badenweller March. Then Hitler appeared followed by Rudolf Hess, Adolf Wagner, Dr. Dietrich and other Nazi leaders.

The agency adds that Hitler was given a tremendous ovation and the old Guard surged forward shouting "Heil!"

It appears that some hitch may have occurred in connection with the broadcasting of Hitler's speech. After announcing at 5.30 p.m. that the usual news bulletin in English would not be broadcast at 6 p.m.—the period when Hitler's speech might have been given—the news was read as usual at that time.

Battle Against Judaism
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Nov. 8 (UP).—The official news agency's Munich report states that Hitler's speech was sketched on the "battle against Judaism" which he declared was won in Germany for all time.

The agency said: "The entire passion of Hitler's soul was revealed when he stated that the battle would be continued until victory was won for the German people."

The official news agency added: "With biting scorn, Hitler pointed out all his prophecies and forecasts, all calculations and judgments and the enemy collapsed then as it will now. Hitler formulated the meaning of this struggle," often in ironical tones.

Victory Boast
He stated that the highest military officials were imbued with an absolute assurance of victory in the present war and in conclusion he "proclaimed that this generation's will to victory is its unshakable faith and rockbound trust in its leaders."

He condemned the "British forces nocturnal attacks on the German civil population." He was applauded when he mentioned the "hard and inexorable relations to be made for these bombings."

Hitler spoke for more than an hour and recapitulated the military events of the past year which, "made the last 12 months the greatest year in German soldiery." He praised the discipline and unity of the German civilians.

Chinese Gunman Fires At Japanese Gendarme

SHANGHAI, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—Another Japanese gendarme was shot and seriously wounded this afternoon by a Chinese gunman.

When the Japanese gendarme challenged and commanded a suspicious Chinese to submit to be searched, the Chinese suddenly drew a pistol, from his sleeve and opened fire on Corporal Tanaka, the Japanese gendarme, shooting him in the chest.

The gendarme was on duty in the part of the western district of the International Settlement which is under Japanese control.

An extensive search is now being conducted for the Chinese assailant. The gendarme believed that the Chinese gunman was shot in the leg when the gendarme fired back at him with his rifle.

Germans Lose 20 Planes In One Day

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Nov. 8 (UP).—At 8.20 to-night some early raiders dropped parachute flares and bombs were dropped over London areas after which there was a marked lull.

The Air Ministry announced that 20 German raiders were destroyed to-day. Six British planes are missing but the pilots of two are safe.

The Air Ministry communique stated: "A large number of dive bombers with strong fighter escort attempted on several occasions to attack shipping off the east and south-east coasts. On each occasion they were heavily engaged by our fighters and fifteen of them were brought down by one of our squadrons."

Few Nazis Reach London
LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—Enemy air activity over Britain up to 5 p.m. to-day was on a small scale, says an Air Ministry communique.

A few bombs were dropped by single aircraft at a point on the west coast and in country districts in the Midlands.

Formations of fighter-bombers crossed the southeast coast on two occasions. A few penetrated to the London area, where some bombs were dropped.

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Plot To Kidnap Admiral Horthy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUDAPEST, Nov. 8 (UP).—The Attorney General of Hungary to-day revealed a plot to kidnap the Regent, Admiral von Horthy, murder his suite, force the release of Nazi leaders and establish a Nazi regime.

"The morale of the Greek troops is so high, the possibility of the enemy reaching the Greek line of fortifications is out of the question. The British are giving us all the help needed. The question is not now one of defence, but one of offensive."

BRITISH GUNS IN GREECE

BITOLJ, Nov. 8, (UP).—Reports from the frontier say that British anti-aircraft guns have reached the Korea front and the towns in the rear which Italian bombers have been heavily bombing recently.

Weather Hampers Operations

OHRIID, Nov. 8 (UP).—Bad weather and heavy rains on the entire front are reported to have prevented any large Italian or Greek operations to-day.

Frontier reports say that Greek troops from the northern column, which have been operating along the south shore of Small Lake Prespa, descended the northern slope of the Suho mountains to-day and occupied the Albanian village of Cornovika on the shore of Big Lake Prespa after a brief fight.

It is also reported that a group of five British and Greek bombers bombed the road along the Voyusu river between Mesaria and Valona this afternoon.

Greeks Improve Positions
ATHENS, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—Greek forces have improved their forward positions in Pindus and Koritza sectors, where slight local advances are claimed, according to the latest reports received in Athens.

An artillery duel continues along the entire front line.

THEY WANT THE NEWS

"Tell us all the Hongkong news" is the constantly recurring appeal in letters received from our evacuees. They want to know about the Colony's business, official, social, and sporting activities. Every Monday the "Telegraph" provides them with this information through its "Page of Hongkong news for the Evacuees."

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Unconfirmed rumours state that the Italian Commander in Albania has been replaced by Marshal Badoglio, Chief of the General Staff, who was called in to re-plan the Abyssinian campaign at the end of 1935 when it was making slow progress.

Persistent reports circulating in American circles in Athens refer to

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Control Of Industry

Amplification of Regulation 50 of the Defence Regulations published in June this year is contained in to-day's "Government Gazette."

The new regulation extends considerably the power of the competent authority to control all undertakings engaged in work essential to the life of the community and the defence of the Colony.

A new regulation immediately following Regulation 50 gives the Governor power to declare "controlled" any undertaking he thinks desirable, and thereupon the competent authority can order how the work shall be carried on, the persons to be employed, and the remuneration to be paid.

Krupps Works Blasted

Spectacular Raid By The R.A.F.

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—Details of last night's terrific attack on munition factories in the Ruhr, including the great Krupps armament works, show that the targets were consistently hammered by successive units of a large mixed force of medium and heavy bombers over a period of four hours.

Some of the heaviest calibre bombs yet carried into Germany and thousands of fire bombs, were rained down on some of Germany's greatest armament factories, a vast expanse of which became one huge sheet of flame while the building glowed at white heat.

The attack began at 8 p.m. on Thursday and for a period of three-quarters of an hour, explosions could be seen continuously occurring from within the factory buildings.

Oil Plant Ablaze

While the Ruhr raid was in progress, another strong force of bombers launched a large-scale attack on important synthetic oil plants at Wesseling, near Cologne, when incendiary bombs from only one of the aircraft, which hit the target for two hours, set alight an area estimated to be two miles long by a mile wide.

At Dusseldorf the large steel works adjoining the blast furnaces were heavily bombed by relays of aircraft, while other formations in different areas attacked aerodromes, oil refineries, canal locks, wharves and harbours, shipping concentrations and harbour installations.

Dunkirk, Le Havre and Lorient were revisited.

N.E.I. SHIPS FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—The Netherlands East Indies Government has placed 40 merchant vessels at the disposal of the British Government, it is stated by the war effort.

Additionally, 10 German and two Danish ships, which they seized, were handed to the British against indemnity costs only.

THE JOHNSON ACT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—In order to allow Britain to buy farm products by credit in the United States, Senator King to-day introduced a bill into Congress to modify the Johnson Neutrality Act.

HONGKONG HUSBANDS AIR GRIEVANCE



These two pictures were taken during last night's meeting at the Peninsula Hotel of Hongkong husbands who united in protesting against the latest evacuation decision. Above is an impression of the large number of men attending, and opposite, two men sign their names as they enter the room.—Ming Yuen.

HUNGARY TOOL OF REICH

Neutrality A Sham

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—No formal British protest has been made to Hungary for allowing the passage of German troops to Rumania, "Reuter" learns.

The Hungarian Government, however, has been left in no doubt that while the British Government appreciated the difficulties of the Hungarian position, it regards the action of the so-called neutral country in permitting the passage of German troops as being not in accordance with the usual rules of neutrality, especially as there was every possibility that such troops would be used against Britain.

Britain To Receive 50 Per Cent. Of U.S. War Production

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day disclosed that joint defence talks are going on at present in Mexico; and at the same time he revealed that Great Britain will henceforth obtain fifty per cent. of the United States production of planes and ammunition, including flying fortresses, instead of the 45 per cent. she has received heretofore.

However, the President stressed that the British orders would be subject to exception, on an instant's notice—for example, exceptions would be made when the applications for supplies proved detrimental to the United States rearmament programme.

To Get New Planes

Also he stressed that the flying fortresses would be available to Britain "as they come off the assembly lines"—indicating the sale of new material rather than the relatively limited number of "fortresses" already in use in the United States Army Air Corps.

The President said that rumours regarding the possibility of a Cabinet shake-up and that the Secretary of War, Mr. Henry Stimson would be replaced, were entirely without foundation.

Further, when asked regarding reports that he might ask Mr. Willkie to enter the Cabinet or assume an important post, the President said there has been no time since the election to consider such an eventuality.

Defence Co-Operation

Regarding the reports of defence co-operation between Britain, the United States and Australia, he said the reports did not originate in "high official circles" as indicated in the reports.

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LATEST

BULGARIAN DEMARCHE

SOFIA, Nov. 8 (UP).—Bulgaria has issued a demarche to Rumania charging Rumania with "inhumanly mistreating" Bulgarian evacuees from northern Dobruja returning to Bulgaria under the agreement, according to an official announcement here to-day.

"At the Rumanian controlled frontier points Bulgarians have been subjected to violence and illegal seizures," the announcement said.

Battle In The Adriatic

BELGRADE, Nov. 8 (UP).—Cannonading from far out in the Adriatic Sea was heard for two hours last night starting at 9 p.m., according to reports from Cetinje.

Lord Lothian Decorated

Knight Of The Thistle

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King to-day received in audience Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador to the United States, and made him a Knight of the Thistle.

The Thistle is an ancient chivalric order consisting of the Sovereign and 10 knights.

AUSTRALIAN BUDGET ANTICIPATIONS BLOCKED

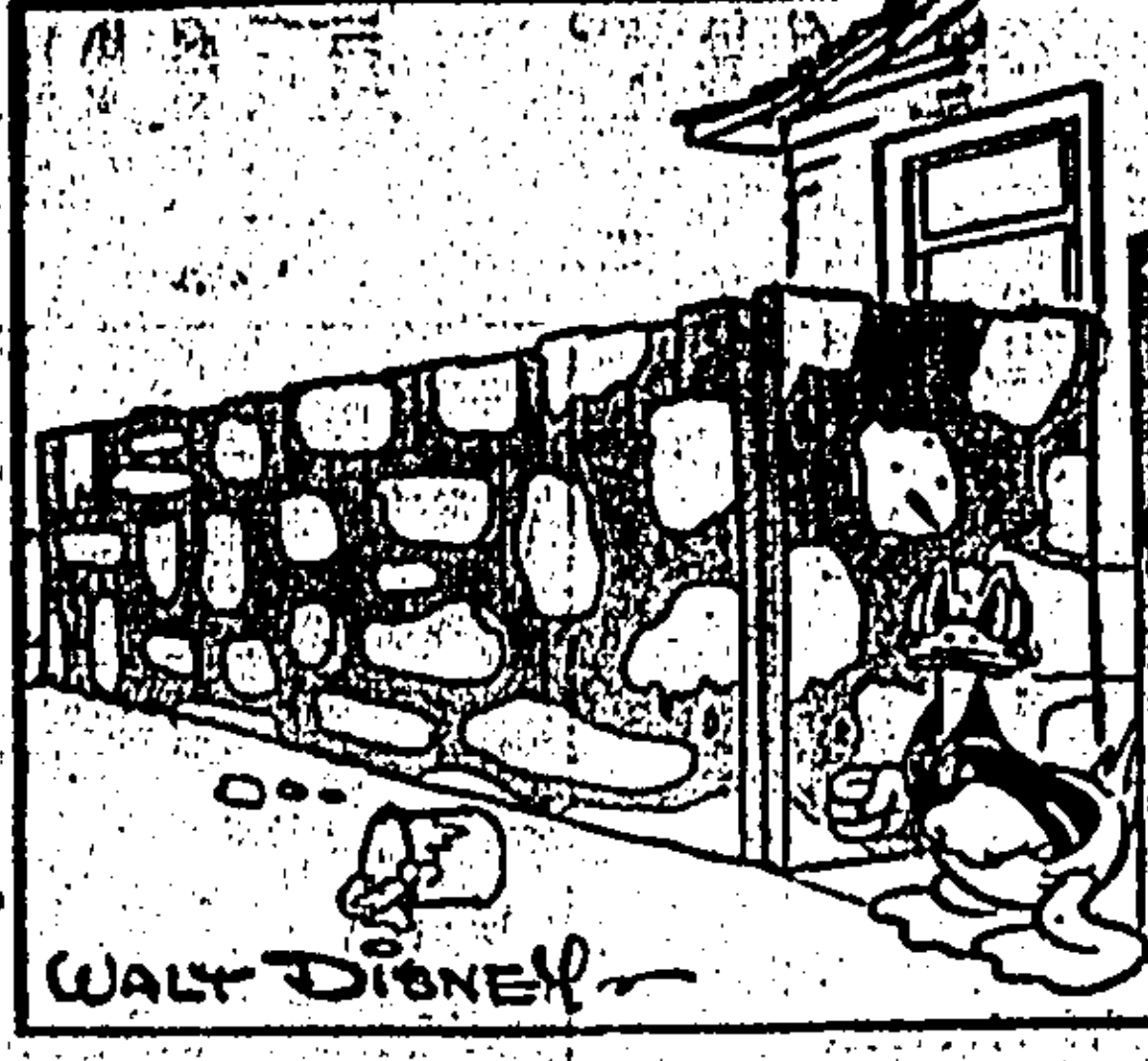
CANBERRA, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—The possible leakage of information concerning the Australian budget led to an announcement to-day prohibiting the withdrawal of beer, spirits, tobacco and cigarette papers from bond without a licence.

The payment of duty on beer or the removal of beer from the brewery or delivery from store, is forbidden, except under licence.

The Minister of Customs explained that the Government object was regulation through the Customs, of the passage of goods on which increased excise duties would be imposed in the next budget.

He added that there had been many intelligent anticipations of Customs excise items included in various budgets.

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BEHIND THE HEADLINES

"The kiss of the sun for pardon; The Song of the birds for mirth. One is nearer God's heart in a garden, Than anywhere else on earth."

These delightful lines were recalled to my memory during the week in a letter I received from a dear old lady in Scotland. The beauty of the atmosphere they so eloquently convey has a particularly sad significance these days. They breathe contentment, harmony, peace and happiness. They conjure up memories of bygone days—but in so doing, introduce a harsh and terrible note in the inescapable contrast which present day events instantly create. Most people's thoughts fly back to a garden somewhere, but the joyous mood which at first possesses one is rudely shattered by the intrusion of the fear that the garden of which we were thinking, may have been destroyed. We hope that it has been spared the disfigurement which bombs create. And so our dream picture changes, and, almost unconsciously, we begin to visualise a scene of chaos. There is

life and love in a garden, but the cognition of the curse which is sweeping Europe changes the mental scene to one of death and destruction. We inwardly curse the fiends of hell responsible.

AND so, once the process of thought has been set in motion, mental pictures follow each other. The gardens—those we love—the children and the aged—the fear, the horror and the agony which may be theirs. We feel helpless, and yet determined to play our part in ridding the world of this dreadful affliction. We console ourselves with the thought that those who have so wantonly violated all that decent people hold dear, shall be shown no mercy when the day of reckoning comes. In the meantime, we can and must make every sacrifice, either pecuniary or supreme.

Humanitarian principles which we cherish and believe in have been swept aside at the bidding of a maniac who has gathered about him a band of criminals who momentarily gleam and glory in their despotic power over their fellow men. The old adage, "Birds of a feather," was never more appropriately illustrated than in the modern example of Hitler and his satellites. They have robbed their fellow men of the last vestige of freedom, and seek to impose their foul and inhuman doctrine on the inhabitants of the rest of the world.

THE German of to-day is in a worse plight than the galley slave of old, with one important distinction. The galley slave was to be pitied as a creature of circumstance. The modern German is to be scorned for having allowed himself to be dominated by a madman.

"The kiss of the sun for pardon!"

THAT a beautiful memory recalled by the four lines above, should inspire a sense of unutterable hate against any man or country, is merely the natural reaction experienced by every human who believes in common decency, friendliness and justice. When an upstart, and a crazy one at that, sets out to impose his perverted and inhuman will on all men, irrespective of race and creed, it is perhaps natural that even the beautiful things in life should serve to remind us of the hideous challenge to their existence.

I am reminded of Karel Capek's Prayer which was published in the Prager Tageblatt when the German Army had commenced its domination of Czechoslovakia:— "God, Thou hast created this beautiful country, Thou seest our pain and our disappointment. Thou knowest what we are feeling and how bowed our heads are, not with shame—we need feel no shame even if we shall be struck by the iron rod of Fate. We were not defeated, nor were we of those who showed too little resolution. Our people have lost none of their honour.

They have lost only a part of their body. We are like a person caught in the coils of a wheel and who, in the midst of terrifying pain, tells us that he is still alive.

"Our people live, and in their great pain we feel how strongly and deeply they live. "God, Thou Who has created this people—we needn't tell this to Thee. But, for the sake of ourselves and our lips and our hearts, we must try to formulate what it is we mustn't lose, namely our faith in ourselves, and in our divinely-inspired history. We believe that in history we have not stood, and will not stand, on the side of wrong.

"We need faith; we need inner strength; we need an active love to make us tenfold strong. A people will never be a little people if it never relinquishes faith in the future and faith in work for a better day."

Millions of Czechs, Poles, Frenchmen, Belgians, Danes, Norwegians, Dutchmen and men of other races can recite Capek's Prayer, and are doing so. In Britain, our kith and kin are standing up to the onslaught of Hitler and his minions. The Greeks are emulating their progenitors and sacrificing their lives and homes for their country. The rest of the world is materially and morally assisting in the work of overcoming Hitler and his works, to the end that once again men of every race and creed shall be free to shape their own destinies.

JOHN BLUNT

GODS OF CHINA



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A maiden holding in her hand a magic lotus blossom is one of the forms in which she is shown.

At birth, six hairs only were growing on the crown of her head. When mature, she vowed herself to a life of virginity and spent her time floating from one mountain peak to another. For a time lived on fruit, but later found she did not have to eat to live.

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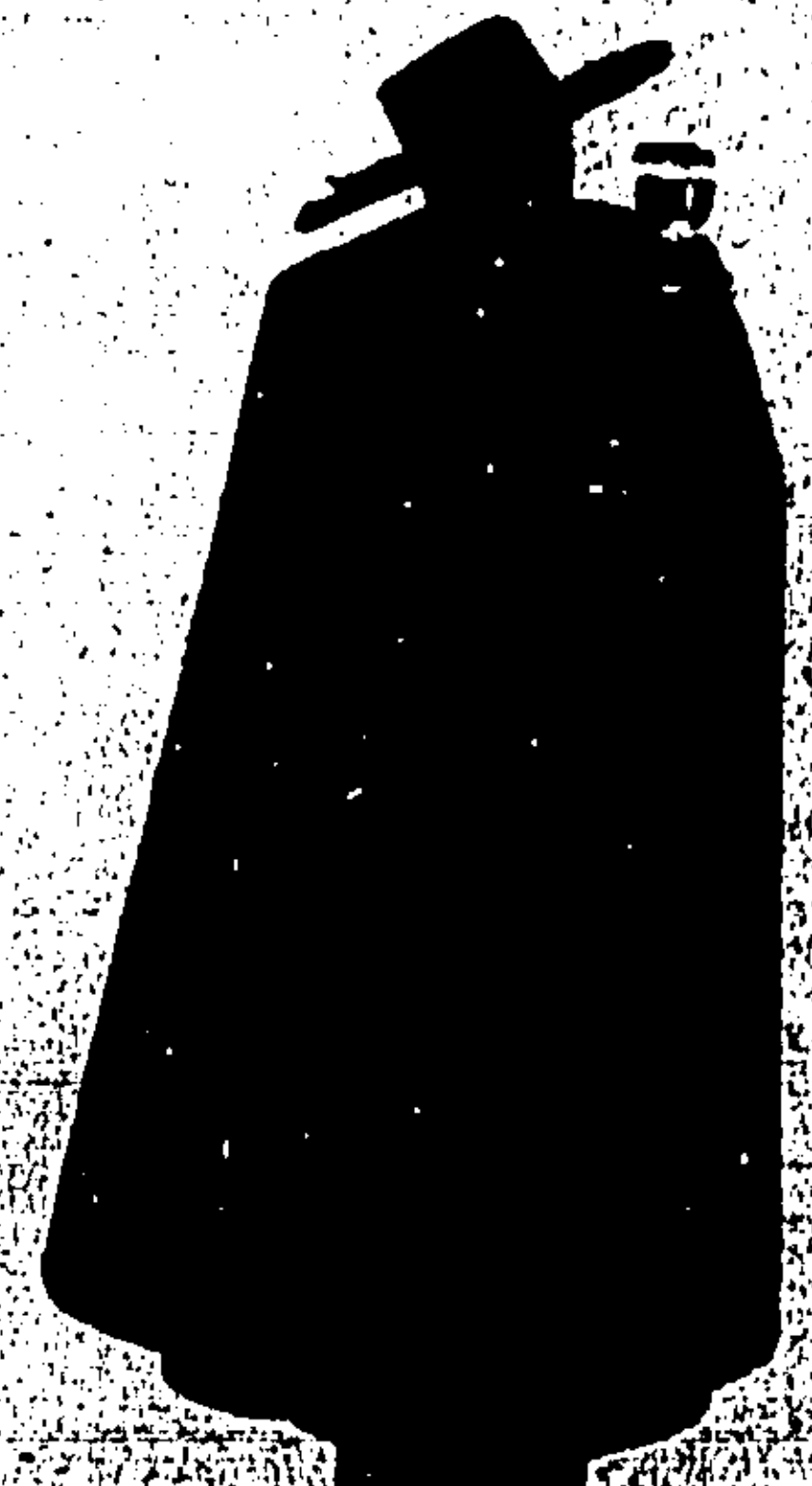
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Nov. 1st

Up betimes and upon my leads and I am somewhat troubled that my Lakapurs seem not to germinate, and my Mignonette already potted out will not do as I believe. And the trouble is there is too much rain, for the weather is more like to early September than November, and I do most earnestly hope that we shall have no late typhoon this year.

At the office all day and did write to my wife, poor wretch, and did send Christmas wishes and bid her buy herself a gift. For since I did make a joint account I am in no means of knowing how my London accounts do run. A glass or two at the Clubbe, but as I do suffer from a rheum in the head, I do get me home pretty betimes and early to bed.

Nov. 2nd

A dull day which turns dirty later. Very betimes to my office as I must leave it early and, as usual, I do find a mass of papers comes in at eleven of the clock. However, I do make shift to finish them by a quarter after twelve, and so to the Clubbe where I do find in the Snakepit Mrs. Casy and anon comes Mistress Betty and their two Lords. It seems we do all take our luncheon in Mr. Caldbeck's box and they do spurn my proffered motor luncheon and bid me pay it off. And so after a glass of Holland's waters I go very pleasantly in Mistress Betty's car, or rather in her Lord's. But as she doth enter the front seat for I was sitting at the back with the mayles—it chanceth she catches her stockings and tears one. And so we must needs drive to a silk shoppe where she goes in and buys a new pair and changes them in the shoppe. But I do stop in the car talking to her Lord.

Then to Mr. Caldbeck's with no further misadventure and find we are not come too late: as we sit not to our meat for some time. In this first race Strathbarrack comes third and payeth a pretty four guinea bet but never does back my horse points I do somewhat wonder what change there had been in the

wagering on him all along had he been named Strathbarrack—as was once had in mind by Mr. Caldbeck. And so the races did go on—I wagering a little and backing three winners but upon the balance was but five florins up and alas! did win no sweepstake tickets.

Home in Mr. Caldbeck's car and dined early. Played with Ba and read Mr. A. Bryant's first Volume, upon the younger days of My Great Ancestor, which is entitled "The man in the making." And so to bed.

3rd Lord's Day

To my greatest possible discontent I do find the fogge down and a light rain falling at intervals. However, I did bathe and trim myself and after breakfasting my fast upon a pint of milk, as is my wont, did set my house in order. After in my study writing And this room please me: much save that I have not set the shades upon the electric lights yet. For it is a work room and not over handsome, but cosy. At a little after twelve my guests do begin to come but we may not sit in the garden for the fogge and damp, and so in the withdrawing room where we talk very pleasantly and so to our luncheon and after walking in the garden. Then when all parties had left I did lie in my garden, and read until a half after five when I went to my study and fell to writing which I have not done much in the house these many months. Ba sits upon my desk and after trying to catch my pen-nib as I write, hee smells at it and getting ink upon his nose doth lick it off. And Lord! what a disgusted kitten it was, tho' it was no fault of mine. Still hee remains upon the desk, so it seems hee blames me not. At a half after seven I climb the path behind my house and drink a glass or two at Mr. Peter's house, bringing him two and a half dozen radishes of my first crop. But I do not see how Mr. Redd doth set about them as a relish to his Holland's waters. Home pretty betimes and after eating a piece early to bed.

Nov. 4th

Up betimes and do feel better than I have done these many days. To the office where I do order my papers, and so to the Clubbe for my luncheon. At a quarter after five I parade in Murray Barracks and there find to my greatest possible disgust that the future is to be at the new Volume, but hush! and they do march us three up the hill at full pace, which I do find agreeable.

with my heart which is not used to rapid-walking-up-hill. But why we could not be fallen in at the Hutmints in the first place, I am at a loss to conceive. However, it was an interesting talk and I did thoroughly enjoy it.

Nov. 5th

Very busy at the office all day. The weather is most strange and I am at a stand to know what clothes to do on.

Nov. 6th

Took luncheon at the Clubbe and there is much talk of the set backs the Wops do experience in Greece. I have ever doubted the value of the Wop soldiers unless the Askaris or other native troops are there to take the brunt of the fighting. Yet I fear they may yet meet with some success from their superior armament.

Nov. 7th

This day I do resume my white garments and I like not the weather for there is heavy rain—which I fear will do my young seedlings a mischief—and it is too hot. And I can but suppose that this typhoon at Guam is upsetting things, unless it be sun-spots. This night at the Clubbe Calced tells me that an order comes from the Secretary of State that there shall be no more forced evacuation but that no wives that are gone may come back. And this, he says, will induce put the cat among the pigeons, and I believe him.

Last night Mr. Caldbeck did eat some cold meats at my house and a dish of lettuce and radishes from the garden and wee talked long. In the night I was woke up by very heavy rain which liked me not and I resolve to have my seedlings covered of nights until settled weather be set in. However, for my cheer it proves a sunny day which may recover them. But it likes me sore to find that though my cress comes up better than last year the mustard seems to fail.

do so. For were they but in Australia—I might peradventure get leave at some future time and goe there to see them. Talked of this at the Clubbe with Mr. Povy but hee says hee believes that it is the sense of wrong felt by those who did obey Government orders while now the disobedient do flourish like the green bay tree. And this I do believe to be true. But Lord! there may yet come a day when they shall have the laugh of them, though I pray not. Dined early, at home and so to bed.

Nov. 8th

Little ole gingels is a rosyvelt man and a wos tellin me orl abart this ere pollytick blinz corlovaduck it aint so easy I kin tell yer—it orl started wiv a bloke corled washin-lun wot got inogorated arter wch e parsed the buffle bill and there wos a civil war so annuver bloke corled lincoln cum along and parsed the emanculation bill and that's ow the yankees becom demcracks

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torkin abart kings wot abart this ere evackyunshun blinz corlomme a lot ov people seems ter sink the honkong govmnt as made a bloomer but that int rite and if people wos ter reed the littel ole honkong telegraf a bit more they wud ave seen as ow the govmnt begun a noo comittee a cuppel ov mums ago fer redoochin the popu-layshun and so people wuddnt eat so much rice—cor stone me slide-way! now I gits the ideo ov chuc-kin rice at weddins (very sutel antidote)

enway evackyunshun is wun way ov redoochin: europeen decent aint it?

seems ter be gittin orl tangeld up this week dont I—corlomme bein a blinkin kollumist aint orl beer and pickels I kin tell yer sun-times me and ole alf cum over orl internashunl wen we flinks ov wot goin on . . . yu ahud ave erd in the uvver nile wen we wos havana bit ov nurlishment darn singles we wos bofe hungary becos formosa this week we ad hosway ov ernin a new guinea and nobody wud hon-durs and alf and lvo nevada time like this so w orlmost went haw! crickey! it me ard sumbody and denmark the spot

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Big Match For Poppy Day Fund

Strong Teams Selected For Combined Services And The Association And The Association

(By "SCRAMBLER")

CHIEF INTEREST in the soccer world during the holidays will be centred in the clash between the United Services and the Football Association scheduled for Monday on the Hongkong Football Club ground, in aid of the Poppy Day Fund.

Two very representative teams have been selected, and a first-class game should result.

As an innovation, the centre portion of the covered stands will be reserved for the two dollar seats, and I hear on good authority, this is only in the nature of an experiment, to gauge the potentialities of the paying public for future Charity matches.

Eight Chinese players have been included in the Association's line up, and with the wealth of Chinese talent at their disposal, the Association has done well in making the choice quite representative.

In Cheong Wing-choi, the Association has an excellent custodian, whilst Blackburn and Leo Tin-bang will form a very obstinate obstacle to the Services' attack. Pope, Williamson and Hsu King-sing, will comprise the middle trio, and with Chung Yung-sum, Fung King-cheung, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-long and Hsu Ching-tau, the forward line can hardly be bettered.

AIRMAN INCLUDED

THE Services have included in their team, Edmunds of the R.A.F. Reputed to be a fine all-round player, he should be able to give Roughley of the Navy support in defence. Moxham will be playing in goal, and I believe that their half-back trio of Parnaby, Bright and Wilkinson, will have their hands full in keeping a check on the Association's virile forward line.

On paper, the Services' forwards of Philipps, Pearson, Hendy, Saw and Gilroy, appear to be quite formidable, but whether they will be able to combine as well as the Association's quintet is another question. And another matter, if they forget to take their shooting boots along with them, they will have plenty on their hands.

Unlucky South China

DAME Fortune appears to have still evaded South China in their quest for the two points from their nearest rivals, Sing Tao and Eastern, and in both games, they were practically robbed of the extra point by sheer bad luck.

I believe that as the season advances, South China will still improve and will be a threat to any senior team in the league. They will be up against the lowly placed St. Joseph's this week-end, and I do not see anything that can stop them from collecting the two points.

ROYAL Scots are entertaining the Police on Sookunpoo ground, and although the Guardians of the Law have not been playing well lately, I think they will be able to put up a much harder fight than they did last week against the Club.

The team that caught my eye of late is the Club. They seem to have improved to such an extent that they are capable of putting up real resistance against all comers. The fight they put up against the Police last week was not only a vast improvement on their previous games, but also revealed that the team is much better balanced.

Fowler, I think, is wasted in the outside right berth, and if a substitute can be found, his bustling methods in the centre will certainly bear fruit. They should be able to put up a good showing against the Middlesex, who are to me an apparently indifferent team.

KOWLOON will be entertaining Sing Tao, and although the Chinese team have not yet come up to scratch, I see no prospects of Kowloon taking the two points. If they can improve on their previous outings, they may yet snatch a point.

Inter-School Miniature Soccer League

TEN TEAMS have entered from various schools in the Colony for the Kowloon Inter-School Miniature Soccer League, and this is a most satisfactory response. First game will be played at the McPherson Playground, Homatui, to-day, kick-off at 2.30 p.m. Mr. T. F. Lo, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Children's Playground Association, has consented to kick-off, which will be following the parade around the ground.



Three of the Detroit Tigers' "aces". Tommy Bridges, pitcher, Hank Greenberg, outfielder, and Buck Newsom, pitcher.

WHOLESALE SUSPENSION

Twelve Leicester City Players

LONDON.—The suspension of 12 Leicester City players, two of them J. W. Bowers and Septimus Smith, England internationals—is announced by the Football Association, following a further report of the Commission which in May inquired into affairs of the club.

Being satisfied that breaches of F. A. and League rules had taken place, the Commission imposed these penalties:

Suspended for 12 months from September 9: J. W. Bowers, M. Morales, S. Smith, W. Lahe, J. Harrison, G. Bedford, J. Hedley, S. Hummer, H. Cuthill.

Suspended until replies have been received to requests for explanations: N. Fisher, D. Bruce, H. Davis.

Declared professionals and forbidden to play again without special consent: J. Mackenzie, Gordon Jeyes.

No action is taken at present against five other players whose places of residence have not been ascertained.—Our Own Correspondent.

Bombs Fall On Wimbledon Courts

LONDON, NOV. 1 (UP).—Three high explosive bombs fell on the All-England Lawn Tennis Club at Wimbledon in a recent German air raid, it was revealed to-day.

One of the bombs penetrated the roof of the centre court building and crashed through the competitors' stand, exploding on the ground below and sending debris into the centre court. The centre courts turf was damaged but since has been repaired.

The Committee's box, where Royalty used to witness champion-

ships, adjoins the competitors' stand. Nora Cleather, secretary of the club, told the United Press that the "bomb also showered pieces of concrete on the first line of the outer courts."

"Two other bombs fell on the club premises in the night, one near the northeast gate, causing a gas fire. The other demolished the roller-mower shed. I expected we will have to wait until the war is over before repairs to the stand are undertaken."

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WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

The following are the League football fixtures for the week-end and Monday:

To-day

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon v. Sing Tao (Kowloon), 4.15 p.m.
Middlesex v. Club (Sookunpoo), 4.15 p.m.
Eastern v. Navy (Caroline Hill), 4.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

R.A.S.C. v. R. Engineers (Happy Valley), 2.45 p.m.
Kowloon v. Sing Tao (Kowloon), 2.45 p.m.
Club v. Middlesex (Sookunpoo), 2.45 p.m.
R.A.O.C. v. Navy (Caroline Hill), 2.45 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

30th R.A. v. Shell (Happy Valley), 4.15 p.m.
24th R.A. v. International (Chatham Rd.), 4.15 p.m.
R.A.S.C. v. 35th R.A. (Happy Valley), 4.15 p.m.
R.A.M.C. v. R. A. F. (Happy Valley), 2.45 p.m.
20th R.A. v. 12th R.A. (Chatham Rd.), 2.45 p.m.

To-morrow

FIRST DIVISION

Royal Scots v. Police (Sookunpoo), 4.15 p.m.
St. Joseph's v. South China (Caroline Hill), 4.15 p.m.

SECOND DIVISION

R. Scots v. 30th R.A. (Sookunpoo), 2.45 p.m.
South China v. Kit Chee (Caroline Hill), 2.45 p.m.
Kwong Wah v. Police (Boundary St.), 4.15 p.m.

THIRD DIVISION

R.E. v. Signals (Causeway Bay), 4.15 p.m.
A.S.A. v. 7th R.A. (Boundary St.), 2.45 p.m.

Monday

POPPY DAY MATCH

Combined Services v. H.K.F.A. (Club), 4.15 p.m.
Press v. References (Club), 2.30 p.m.

Golf

Country Club

"At Home"

To-morrow

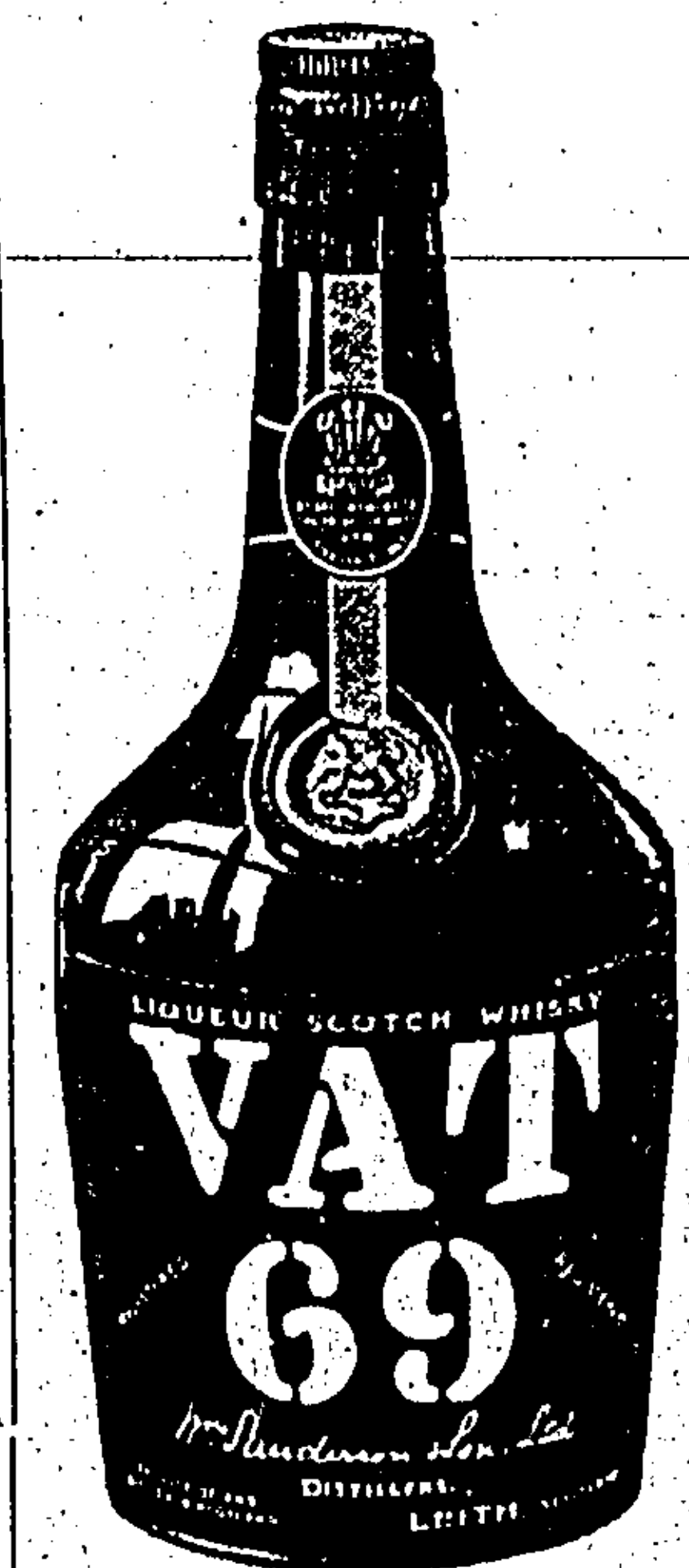
THE ANNUAL "AT HOME" of the Country Golf Club, Sheungshui, will be held to-morrow. An excellent crowd is expected, and at the conclusion of the day will be the annual distribution of prizes.

Excluding the winners of to-morrow's competitions, prize winners for the annual tournaments last year are:

Club Championship—A. A. Lopez; Runner-up, E. Sadick.
Junior Championship—S. V. Giltins; Runner-up, Geo. Lee.
Captains' Cup—S. V. Giltins; Runner-up, M. F. de Pina.
Men's Foursomes—F. E. D'Almeida Remedios and W. C. Hung; Runners-up, Dr. P. K. C. Tyau and T. Y. C. Lee.
Mixed Foursomes—C. H. T. Suen and Miss L. G. Abing; Runners-up, Geo. Lee and Miss E. Heang.
Ladies Championship—Mrs. A. J. Kew; Runner-up, Miss L. G. Abing.
Ladies' Cup—Mrs. A. J. Kew; Runner-up, Miss A. Sequaira.

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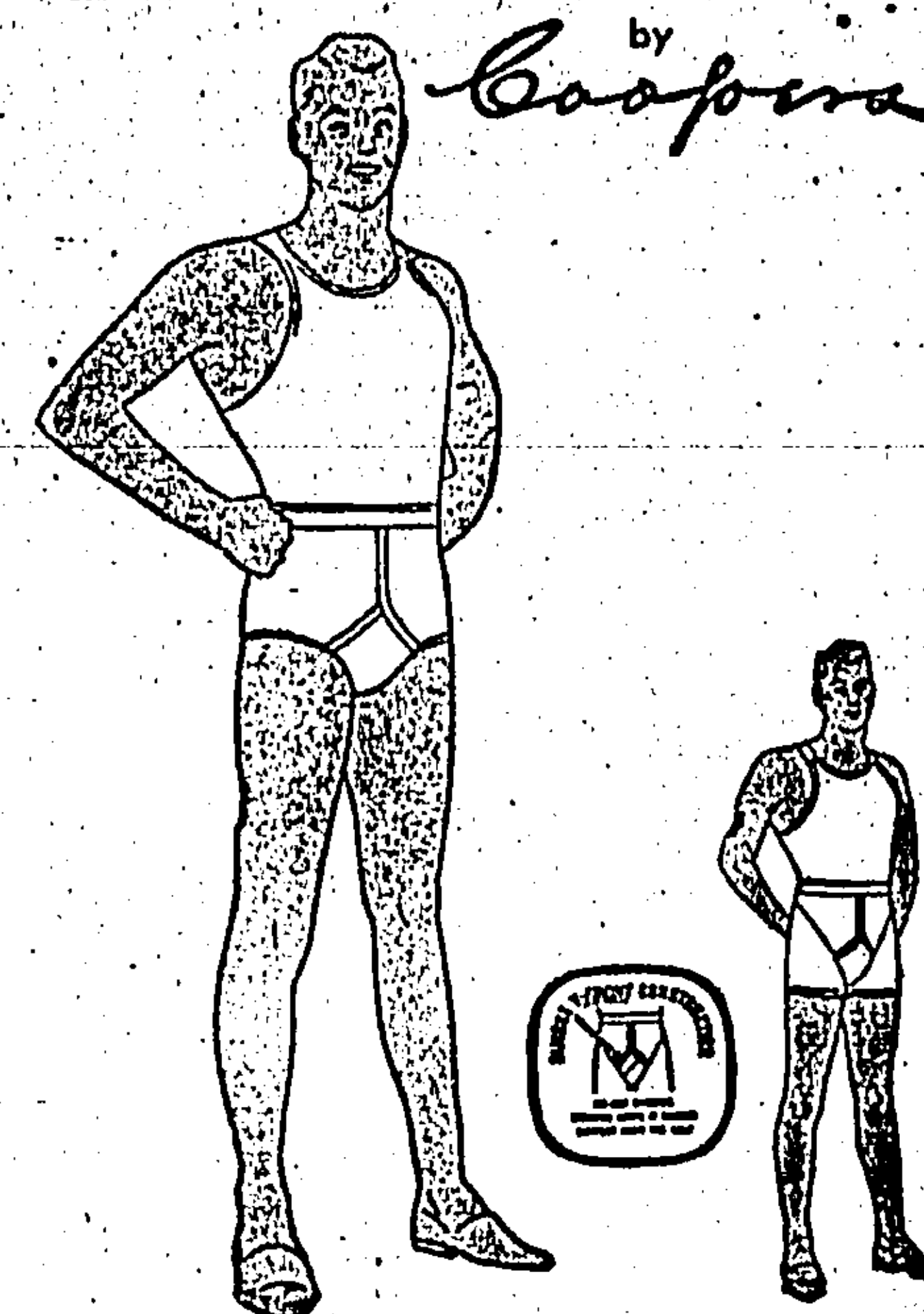
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SMITHFIELD, Orange Free State, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—A hint that he might shortly retire from politics was given by General James Hertzog in a farewell address to his constituents "before I disappear finally from the political arena, something that must happen one of these days or within the next few days."

Referring to his resignation from the Reunited Nationalist Party he said that when he had brought tidings in the past he had also brought an exhortation to "harness yourselves to enter the field of combat," but he could not say that now.

NEW APPEAL TO MANCIANS

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—The Lord Mayor of Manchester is appealing through "Reuter" to all Mancunians overseas to subscribe to the Manchester Aircraft Fund.

It is hoped to raise £100,000 for fighter aircraft. £22,000 has already been subscribed.

Contributions should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Town Hall, Manchester.

TO QUIT H.D.R.

The following have been permitted by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve: Albert Arthur Elms, with effect from July 25; Louis Smith, with effect from October 31; Boris Ivenchenko, with effect from November 4; and Cedric Forman, with effect from November 5.

Death Of Mrs. Kirby In Melbourne

We regret to announce the death yesterday of Mrs. Kirby, wife of Inspector A. Kirby of the Hongkong Police Force.

Mrs. Kirby died in Melbourne after an illness, according to a cable received by Inspector Kirby this morning. Mrs. Kirby was an evacuee with her 13-year-old son. She was very well known in Hongkong, having resided here for many years, and her death will be deeply felt by a large circle of friends.

Inspector Kirby is leaving for Australia to-day. He booked his passage originally in order to visit his wife who had been reported to be in ill health.

Thames And Atlantic Sinkings Discounted

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—A claim that a formation of dive-bombers attacked a large convoy off the Thames Estuary, heavily damaging a cruiser of 10,000 tons, was made in a German High Command communiqué.

The communiqué adds that one merchant ship was sunk and that two others received direct hits.

Atlantic Convoy

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—There is no confirmation in authoritative quarters in London of the German claim to have sunk a British convoy in the Atlantic, and it is unlikely that the claim has any foundation in truth.

There have been recent reports of sinkings in the Atlantic by a German pocket battleship.

Nazi Aerial Blockade

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—To-day, with the intensification of U-boat warfare, the enemy has lately increased his attempts to impose an aerial blockade on Britain. He has exaggerated his successes but the menace of the combined offensive is growing.

Junkers 88 bombers operating from Brittany north-west over the Atlantic are believed to constitute the new menace; they can fly 1,300 miles fully loaded. The Dornier 215 can make the trip even more comfortably and can attack more distant targets.

The R.A.F. Coastal Command is vigilant to detect these raiders but their job would be much easier if they could operate from more westerly bases than Ulster and the west of England coast.

CHAMBERLAIN GRAVELY ILL

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain is gravely ill.

This news is conveyed in the following message to "Reuter" from Mrs. Chamberlain: "Mr. Chamberlain's strength has been falling for the last few days and he is now gravely ill."

The ex-Premier it is understood, is in the country where he has been resting since his resignation from the office of Lord President of the Council.

Mr. Eden In London

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for War, has returned to London from his visit to the Middle East.

CIVIL ARMY OF U. K. PUT ON IMPROVED STATUS

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—Important improvements in the conditions of service in the civil defence services, "of which the whole country is proud," were announced by Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Minister for Home Security, who praised the bravery, resource and technical skill of the civilian army.

The improvements include full pay for 13 weeks to wounded volunteers, funeral grants and use of the Union

ATTACK ON ITALIAN SHIPPING

NAIROBI, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—Shipping on the Juba River was bombed and machine-gunned from a low level by aircraft of the South African Air Force, says a communiqué.

It adds that an enemy aircraft was destroyed on the ground in the Goben Aerodrome.

Middle East Casualties

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—Two hospitals for casualties and invalids from British forces in the Middle East are being established in South Africa by the Union Government at the request of the British Government.

One will be near Johannesburg and the other at Port Elizabeth. Some 1,600 invalids are expected to arrive from the Middle East this month.

Viscount Woolmer

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—The King has signified his intention of conferring a Barony on Viscount Woolmer, who was recently appointed Cement Controller.

Viscount Woolmer, who is Conservative Member of Parliament for Aldershot, now joins his father, the Earl of Selborne, in the House of Lords, thus creating a vacancy at Aldershot.

Gandhi Disciple Imprisoned

WARDHA, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—Brahma Dutt Rainimal, who is presumed to be Mahatma Gandhi's third nominee for his limited campaign of civil disobedience, was today sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

Rugger

Club-Police v. Navy-Army

(By "Fly-Half")

THE FIRST of the Combined Clubs games will be played this afternoon when Navy and Army meet Police and Club on the Club ground at 4.30 p.m.

With most of the Police stars on the injured list, only four Policemen have made the Club-Police team. Wall, who has been playing scrum-half to date, is given the full back position. A sound choice.

Injuries to Bosanquet, who has a damaged finger, and D. H. Taylor, whose ribs is damaged, have given Carruthers the right wing berth, which he well deserves on his display last Saturday.

Thus the Club three line, which was in great form last Saturday, will be given a further trial this afternoon. The Club halves are to play together, and as the Navy-Army team includes the Army halves in Foley and Hook, good understanding in this department should result.

The unavoidable absence of Needham, who has to work, breaks up the solid Club second row. However, Hackett, who will pack with Gardner, is a strong scrumrunner who is also useful in the lineouts.

The quick-breaking Police wing forwards, Innes and Wright-Nooth and Cullinan, the Police captain and hooker, are included in the pack.

NAVY ARMY COMPOSITION

The Navy-Army team at a glance appears strange without such stars as Faul, Carter, Millar and Cuthbertson. The three appear to have been picked as team combinations. Robinson and Bucknell, who did so well against Army last week, will partner Douglass and Macdonald.

One wonders what is the reason for the absence of Richards and Marsh, the strong-running Army wing three-quarters. It does not forbode well for Club if stronger players than these have been found.

Up forward, the 50-50 percentage of players from each team which has practically been maintained amongst the backs is again evident without weakening the usefulness of the pack as a whole.

Club 'A' v. Navy 'A'

AT 3.15 p.m. on the same ground, Club "A" meet Navy "A" and with so many 1st XV players available, the standard of play should be above the usual "A" team level.

Teams are: Club-Police: J. R. Wall (Police); M. G. Carruthers (Club); D. G. Day (Club); E. Bosanquet (Club); D. H. Taylor (Club); J. C. Charter (Club) and J. M. Thomson (Club); A. M. Kennedy (Club); J. K. Macrae (Club); P. M. Taylor (Police); R. C. Gardner (Club); Dr. E. R. Hackett (Club); G. A. R. Wright-Nooth (Police); A. J. C. Taylor (Club) (Capt.) and S. Innes (Police).

Combined Services: 2/Lt. Clegg (Army); Pte. Macdonald (Army); Capt. Douglass (Army); Mid. Bucknell (Navy) and Mid. Robinson (Navy); Capt. Hook (Army); 2/Lt. Bompas (Army); Lt. Ford (Army); Lt. (E) Brown (Navy); C. P. O. W. King (Navy); Pte. L. Taylor (Navy); Sub. Lt. Wilkinson (Navy); Pte. Berry (Army) and 2/Lt. Pinkerton (Army).

Club "A": F. M. Thompson; H. Van Leeuwen; H. F. Hopkins; H. W. Jackson (Police) and F. B. Wilson; T. O. Morgan and F. J. D. Clegg; J. Mobbs; R. J. Jenner (Police); C. M. Stark; A. G. Didsbury; K. W. Olsen; G. B. Godfrey; G. Davies and A. G. Dalsiel.

Navy "A": Lt. Col. Morahan; Tel. Honeywell; A. Ldg. Tel. Paul; Cdt. Lambie and P. O. Wilson; Lt. Carter (Capt.) and Sub. Lt. Rutherford; L. S. A. Palmer; Lt. Watson; Sgt. Manfield; L. Sea; Brewer; Sub. Lt. Beattie; Sub. Lt. Poole; Sub. Lt. Carey and A. B. Longmuir.

Golf

Kowloon Junior Championship

The Junior Championship of the Kowloon Golf Club which was to have been played last Sunday, November 3, was cancelled owing to insufficient entries. It will now be held on Sunday November 17, the entry list being open till Wednesday, November 13.

LATE NEWS

Badminton Meeting

S.A. Gray Elected President

Entries for the badminton season close on November 22 and the League will begin early December. This was decided at the annual meeting of the Badminton Association yesterday. Rev. J. R. Higgs, President, was in the chair, and was assisted by Mr. S. A. Gray, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Frank H. Kwok, Hon. Treasurer.

The following representatives were present: Mr. J. L. Anderson (K.C.C.), Mr. H. A. Noronha and Mr. M. A. Oliveira (Recreo), Mr. C. Y. Yung (Chinese Y.M.C.A.), Mr. R. H. Way (St. Andrew's), Mr. D. Kwok (St. John's), Mr. J. Kwok (St. Teresa's), Mr. S. A. Hing (V.R.C.), Mr. P. C. Leung (Chung Wah) and Mr. M. Tahan (Jewish Recreation Club).

Mr. Kwok said the balance of \$390.38 was better than last year and there were no outstanding debts.

NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. Higgs said he had come with one thought foremost in his mind, and that was that he should resign from the Presidency in favour of Mr. Gray, who was responsible for starting the Association and had been its secretary ever since. He referred to the growth of the Association in the last six years and said that apart from the individual members of the club, it could not have been done without the enormous amount of work put in by Mr. Gray and Mr. Kwok.

"I am not resigning because I am busy," he continued, "but because I would like to see Mr. Gray, who has done so much for the badminton at the head of the Association."

Mr. Gray was unanimously elected. Mr. E. de Souza was elected Vice President, Mr. Frank H. Kwok, Hon. Treasurer and Mr. M. Tahan, Hon. Secretary.

Big Match For Poppy Day Fund

(Continued from Page 4.)

from them, for they have the advantage of playing at home.

EASTERN and Navy are to meet to-day on Caroline Hill. The sailors have yet to find their combination. Individually, they are good, but as a team, they are terrible. The Chinese have always played as a team, and their combination and understanding will have the edge over the sailors, unless and until the Navy are in a position to improve on their past displays.

MONDAY'S teams are:

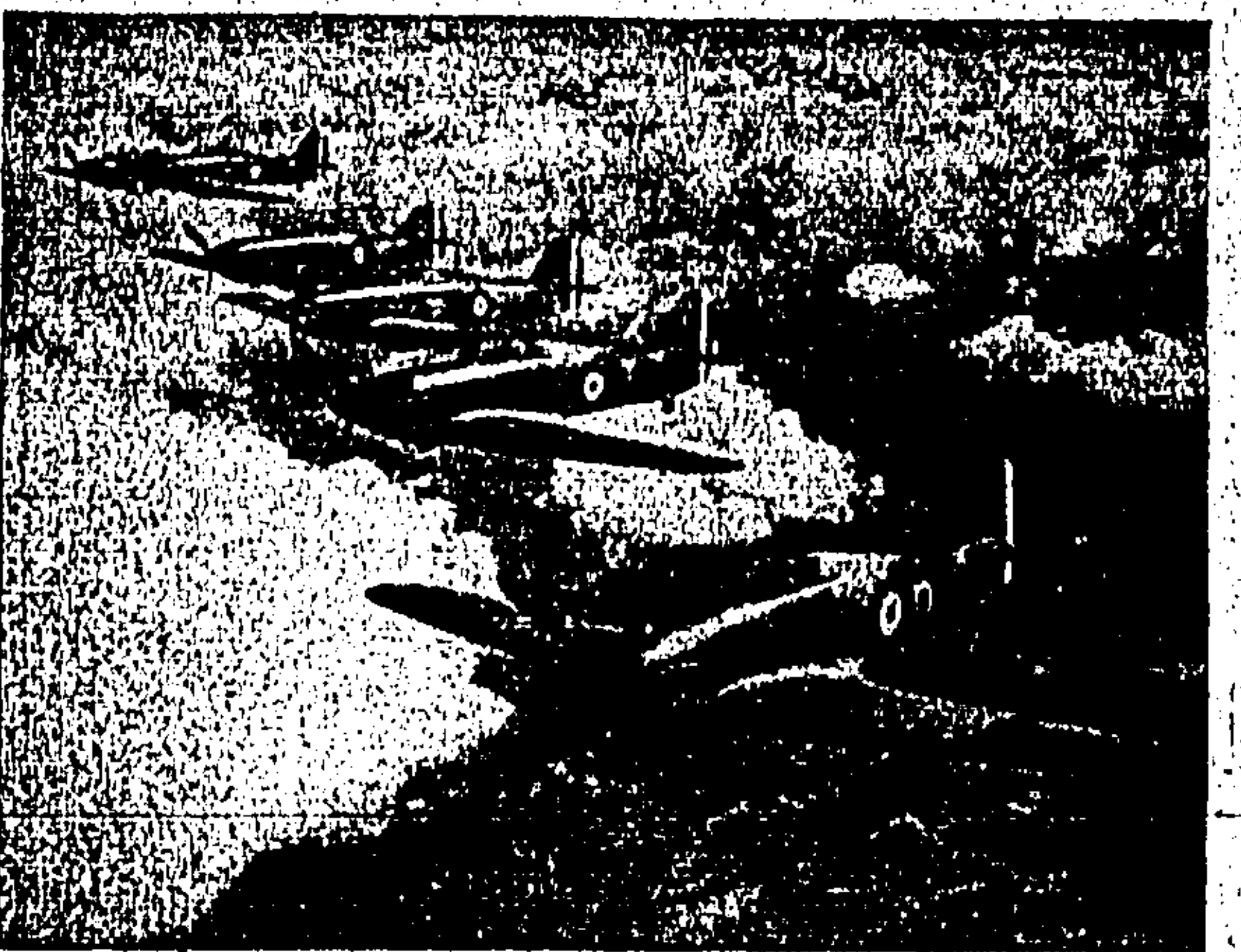
Services.—Moxham (R.E.), Roughley (Navy); Edmunds (R.A.F.); Parnaby (Scots); Bright (Mx); Wilkinson (Mx); Phipps (Navy); Pearson (Mx); Hendy (Navy); Saw (Mx); Gilroy (Scots).

Reserves: Reynolds, Hossack, Le Page, Honeywell, Birrell, Cuthbert, Barber.

Association.—Cheong Wing-choi (Sing Tao); Blackburn (Police); Lee Tin-sung (Sing Tao); Pope (Police); Williamson (Kowloon); Hau King-sing (Eastern); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern); Fung King-cheung (Sing Tao); Cuan Tak-fai (S.C.); Lee Wai-long (S.C.); Hau Ching-tau (Eastern).

Reserves: D. Leonard, Tsung Chung-wan, Soon Ling-sing, Fowler, Cheng Kam-hoi.

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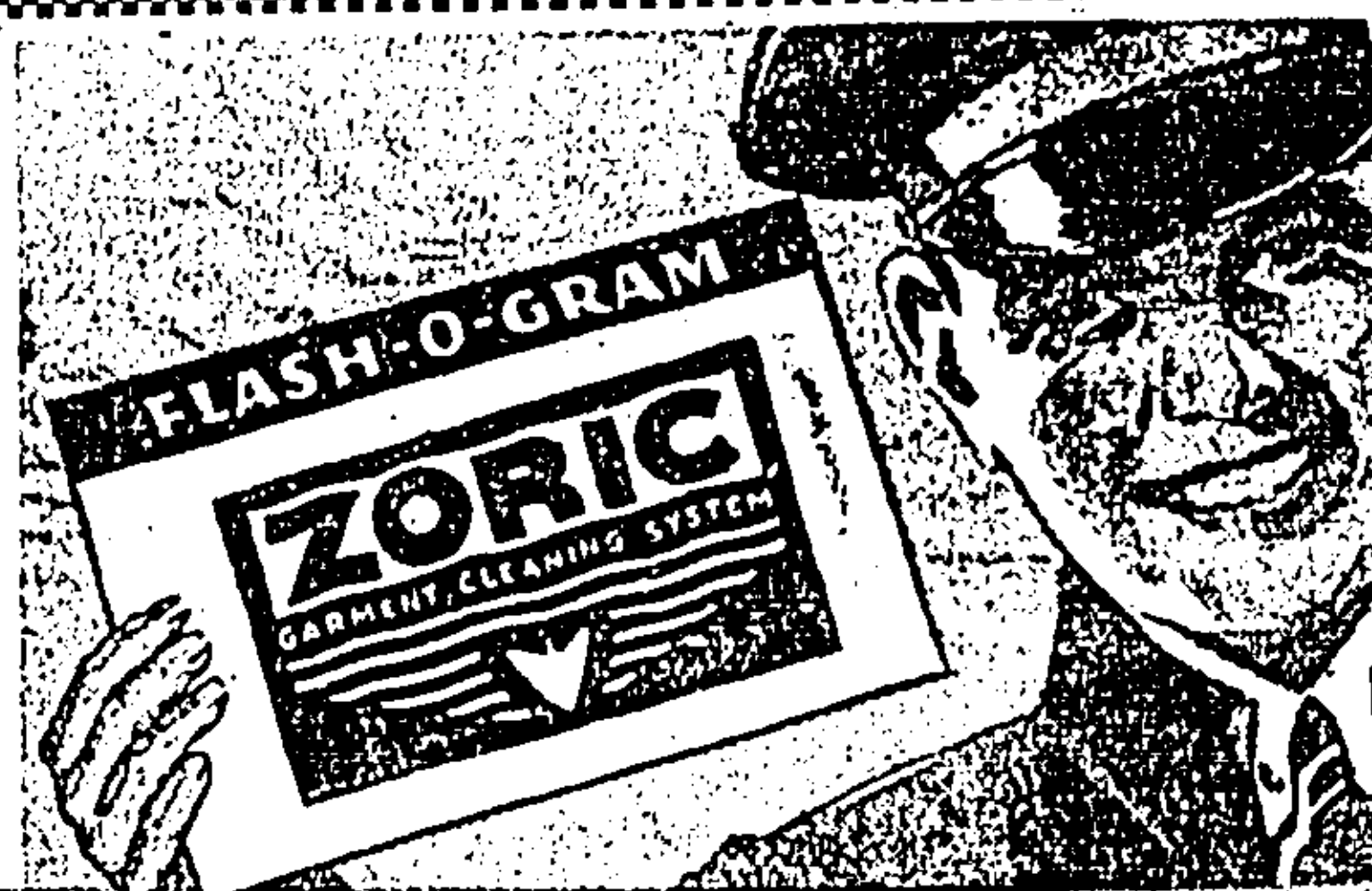
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HONGKONG SPEAKS

HONGKONG'S British manhood spoke with one voice last night when they asked the Government to remove the injustice of the latest evacuation decision. For the most part they spoke thoughtfully and dispassionately; if there was irony and resentment underlying their criticism of the Hongkong Government, it must also go to their credit that the criticism was accompanied by constructive suggestions; burning sincerity marked all and every speech.

Coming as a welcome guiding light to those groping in the darkness of speculation of causes and effect was Mr. J. F. Macgregor's speech which carried with it the note of authority. Mr. Macgregor at least, was able to offer some hope for the reader of the husbands' grievances, and his assurance that His Excellency the Governor is making this evacuation problem his most important consideration at the present moment provided the meeting with a tonic.

The recommendations to the committee appointed last night were in the main sensible and essential, although it is possible that some will become dated when Government issues its next promised statement on the situation. The meeting probably accomplished as much last night as can any future proposals to the authorities by the appointed committee. Government is now left in no two minds about the feeling of the Colony. There is an urgent desire to be loyal in these times when loyalty in service means so much to the cause of the British Empire and of the principles for which that Empire is fighting; there is a will to "play the game" and an obvious intention to avoid anything which can be construed as revolutionary or anarchic; but there is also the firm demand for fair treatment from those whose task it is to see the just administration remains a bulwark of British policy.

Hongkong's husbands are not asking for much; they ask that the Government take them a

AIDS TO SLEEP

By D. Compton-James

Drugs have only a limited value in the encouragement of sleep. Their effect is only temporary because the body gets used to them and larger doses become necessary to produce the desired effect. There is danger here because addicts recklessly increase the dose in order to make sure of a good night's sleep; hence the occasional reports of death from an overdose of sleeping drugs.

One important point is often overlooked by people who take sleeping drugs. If you know that it was essential for you to get up at, say, 2 a.m. and had set your alarm clock for that hour, you would not dream of taking a sleeping tablet before going to bed.

Hypnotic drugs should only be used when there is absolute certainty of a quiet night. Many people take these drugs when there is a possibility that they may be roused, or without taking precautions to make sure that they shall not be roused.

A forced awakening from a drugged sleep does more harm than if the subject had not gone to sleep at all. Ordinary sedatives of the potassium bromide type are not habit-forming and they can be used without fear of harmful effect. They do not induce sleep, like the hypnotics, but merely put the nervous system into a lower gear, thus making it easier for highly-strung people to go to sleep.

Alcohol has both a soothing and a hypnotic effect. It is well-known that a drunken man will sleep like the proverbial log—for a few hours, at all events—hence the phrase "sleeping it off." This is not an argument in favour of getting drunk as a means of inducing sleep. Excess of alcohol may produce sleep, but it also produces a hangover that makes a person feel as if he had not slept at all.

A small nightcap of one of the more concentrated forms of alcohol is of particular value because it induces early sleep, reducing the waiting period which most people experience before they are able to drop off. Another valuable advantage of alcohol is that it produces very sound and restful sleep for the first two or three hours, the period during which most people gain maximum recuperation.

It has to be admitted, however, that the somnolent effect of alcohol wears off during the night, and people who use it regularly are liable to find themselves waking up very early in the morning, after which they are unable to drop off again. Moreover, alcohol is habit-forming, and increasing doses are necessary to maintain the effect, but in these respects it is not so dangerous as the hypnotic drugs. Another disadvantage of the nightcap method is its cost. Not everyone can afford a bottle of whisky a week.

Summing up, alcohol is useful as an occasional nightcap when early and sound sleep is desired to make up for sleep previously lost.

Coffee is widely condemned as a destroyer of sleep, but actual tests have proved that one small cup of coffee assists early and sound sleep. Two or more cups have the reverse effect and tend to keep the subject awake. Tea also tends to produce wakefulness. Yerba mate, the Argentine tea which is becoming popular in England now that ordinary tea is rationed, is neutral; it neither keeps you awake nor sends you to sleep. For this reason it is a very useful drink for people who have to work late. It keeps them going without the subsequent penalty of wakefulness after the use of tea or coffee. Cocoa and milk drinks are slightly soporific in effect.

Tobacco is also a mild soporific, producing a bromide rather than a hypnotic effect. People who are not accustomed to tobacco will find that a cigarette last thing at night will soothe their nerves and help them to get to sleep. Smokers do not, as a rule, suffer from sleeplessness, although they may experience some difficulty in falling asleep.

little more into their confidence over matters which so vitally concern the individual welfare; they ask for reasonable assurances respecting the future of their wives and families; they ask that where possible and when possible restoration of these families to their homes in Hongkong be made.

If Government treats these requests in the manner befitting them, Hongkong's men will not be found wanting in loyal service to the Empire's great cause.

though they may experience some initial difficulty in dropping off. They may find it advantageous to use the "relaxation" of tobacco mainly in the evening, rather than in the morning. Smokers are inclined to yawn all day long, whereas the yawns are required only in the evening.

Body temperature is a point to be watched. Everybody knows that it is difficult to get to sleep when the body or any part of it is cold, but it is equally difficult to get to sleep when the body is overheated. The clinical temperature of the body falls about one degree during the first hour or so of sleep, and returns to normal during the last hour or so.

The best drug of all is physical tiredness, especially if it proceeds from congenial work in the fresh air. No one sleeps so soundly or with such refreshing effect as the farm labourer.

It is not possible for desk or factory workers to attain this ideal of comfortable physical tiredness, but they can go a long way towards it by taking a stroll in the evenings. An hour's walk is particularly useful if the exercise is supplemented by deep breathing.

Continuing the series of articles on how to secure the maximum benefit from your night's rest. The sixth and concluding article will appear on Monday.

Opinion is sharply divided on the question of supper. Some people sleep best on a full stomach, others on an empty stomach; others again can sleep equally well fasting or feasting. It all depends on the individual and it does not take anybody very long to find out what suits him best. Actual scientific tests have revealed that people who had eaten a light cereal supper slept more soundly than another group who had eaten beef and pickles.

Pilot Attacked At 150 Feet

V.C.'s Story Makes It All Sound Easy

—Plane Was Hit

FOR a daring attack at 150 feet on an objective on the Dortmund-Ems Canal, during which his plane was repeatedly hit. Acting Flight-Lieutenant Roderick Alastair Brook Learoyd was awarded the V.C.

But the words in which Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd described the exploit in his own report make it sound ordinary:—

"We arrived in the target area at 23.05 hours," the report reads, "and we waited to the north and until our predetermined time of attack. We dived on the target and flattened out about three miles north."

"From there we gradually lost height until we were over the aqueduct. We dropped our bombs on this target at 23.33 hours, and the navigator said that they had dropped in the right place. As we ran up the canal the searchlights were switched on and I had to fly blind on the navigator's instructions."

Squadron's Record

"The light anti-aircraft fire was intense and we had two hits, one on the starboard wing top and one through the starboard flap. They put the hydraulic gear out of action."

"After bombing our target we set course for home. The undercarriage, which would not operate automatically, responded to the emergency handle."

Flight-Lieutenant Learoyd is a member of a squadron of Hampden bombers which has carried out hundreds of sorties since the invasion of the Low Countries.

They were the first squadron to undertake mine-laying off the Norwegian coast. They have penetrated the German defences to make the seas dangerous for enemy shipping.

Members of the squadron have also taken part in the attacks on the Dortmund-Ems canal, the key centre for distribution of coal from the Ruhr to other parts of Germany, on the naval docks at Cuxhaven and Kiel, and in the early operations to stem the German advance in Holland, Belgium and France.

They have lost only half a dozen crews, and most of these are known to be prisoners.

Saved His Operator

A month or so ago one of the pilots in the squadron was awarded the Empire Gallantry Medal for rescuing his wireless operator from the flames after it had crashed while taking off.

The squadron is as proud of this medal as it is of the eight D.F.C.s and five D.F.M.s which have been earned in four months in "normal course of duty."

Here are two reports, typical of the many which make up the squadron's record. It dropped my bombs and within a few minutes, when we were 13,000ft. up, the whole of the aircraft was suddenly lit up. On circling round we saw that the whole target was a mass of flames."

"We made four separate attacks on a railway. In the first attack we hit the siding, and the blast from the bursting bombs blew in a panel of the navigator's cockpit. Fortunately, the navigator was unharmed. As soon as I knew that nobody was wounded, we continued with our attack. We penetrated three more hits on the railway lines."

Alaska Defence Could Be Paralysed in Three Hours

By DAN BOWERMAN

United Press Staff Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO, OCT. 15 (UP).—THE ENTIRE ALASKAN DEFENCE MACHINE COULD BE PARALYSED BY THREE MEN IN A FISHING BOAT WITHIN AN HOUR, DONALD McDONALD, ALASKA HIGH COMMISSION ENGINEER, SAID TO-DAY.

THE 700 UNITED STATES ARMY MEN CHARGED WITH DEFENDING THE POPULATION OF 80,000 INDIANS AND WHITES SCATTERED OVER 580,000 SQUARE MILES, HAVE EXACTLY ONE PIECE OF ARTILLERY.

It was left in Seward, where it now stands in a park, by the Russians when they left after Alaska's purchase in 1872. The muzzle serves as a flower pot.

McDonald, returning from Washington where he conferred with military leaders, had an answer to the defence of America's far north outpost. He declares a \$25,000,000 highway from Hazelton, British Columbia, to Fairbanks, Alaska, would bring Fairbanks within two days of a steady source of supply, compared to the present seven or eight days required by ships to make the voyage from Seattle to Seward, from where the Alaskan railroad runs to Fairbanks.

The grizzled Alaskan veteran sketched an hypothetical attack on Seward, only all-weather entrance to the territory.

On a dark, rainy night the town of 4,000 would be awakened by explosions of oil tanks—Alaska's entire gas and oil reserve—some 500 feet from Seward's only wharf. The dock would be blown up next. As the population gave chase to the invading boat, it would find channel markers had been destroyed and the whole harbour mined.

A few fishing boats, removing markers, would make the entire Alaskan coastline so dangerous that no vessels, even naval craft, would dare enter the inlets and passages until the route had been resurveyed.

Even if the Navy did get word of the attack on Alaska, McDonald continued, there is not much they can do. Alaska would have to be supplied with essentials by air. A fleet of 100 big planes daily would be required to supply Alaska with food alone.

"How would they blast the invader off the shores without transporting artillery?" he asked.

Alaska Covered

McDonald said Japan, Russia and Germany are eyeing Alaska. The Soviets are building a railroad to East Cape, within 57 miles of Alaska. Germans maintain "Alaska is Nordic" and they would put a "stable" population there in a short time, he added. "Right now the Navy has three small bases in that whole area, and I think it is the base for a flank attack on Japan in case of trouble."

"The only answer I see, and the one I have tried to tell the Government, is complete evacuation of the 1,300-mile road from the railroad at Hazelton to Fairbanks, through the Yukon Territory."

"The cost of such a road, \$25,000,000, would be less than a minor naval craft. It would put Fairbanks within two days of a steady source of supply, compared to seven or eight days by boat—if the boats got through."

Bill Introduced

Anthony Dimond, Alaskan Delegate to Congress, has introduced a Bill for such a highway, with the United States standing construction cost and Canada footing the maintenance when it is completed, McDonald said.

Already, such a programme has the endorsement of a Congressional committee and territorial governors for many years back. Canada, too, is receptive to such a proposal, he said.

MISSING OFFICER NOW PRISONER

Major William Fawcington Dundas, of the Black Watch, previously listed as missing, is now officially reported to be a prisoner of war.

Son of the late Rev. W. and Mrs. Dundas, of Bonness, he married in 1935 Miss Millicent Frances Nicol, only daughter of the late Mr. D. N. Nicol, Scots Guards, of Ardmarnock, Argyll, and of Mrs. MacLachlan, of MacLachlan, Castle Lachlan, Argyll. They have a baby daughter.

DOBBIE'S RESOLUTE COURAGE

Prime Minister's Tribute

"REMARKABLE and resolute" were Mr. Churchill's words about Major-General W. G. S. Dobbie, Acting Governor in Malta and O.C. Troops.

But for the illness of the Governor, General Sir Charles Bonham-Carter, General Dobbie would have been G.O.C. in Malaya, which includes Singapore. He left that well-fortified station to fill the gap at Malta in April.

It is due to him, in a large measure, that Malta's courage is high and her defenders almost itching for the Italians to make an attempt to land on the island.

Religious Convictions. General Dobbie, who is 61, is an all-round soldier especially well grounded in military engineering and gunnery science. He was responsible for carrying out the important defence developments at Singapore.

In June Mr. Churchill sent a message to him, saying, "You are well fitted to raise and sustain the spirit of all in enduring severe and prolonged ordeals for a righteous cause."

General Dobbie is a Plymouth Brother, and on Sunday evenings at his house in Singapore he held a Bible class for officers and men of the garrison.

Second Section

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Magazine Features

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STARS at PLAY



ROSEMARY LANE spends a lot of her spare hours in the gym

Like all children, the diminutive GLORIA JEAN likes roller skating



Cycling and a picnic lunch are JANE WYMAN'S and RONALD REAGAN'S idea of a good time



A regular mermaid is LANA TURNER who is quite a proficient swimmer



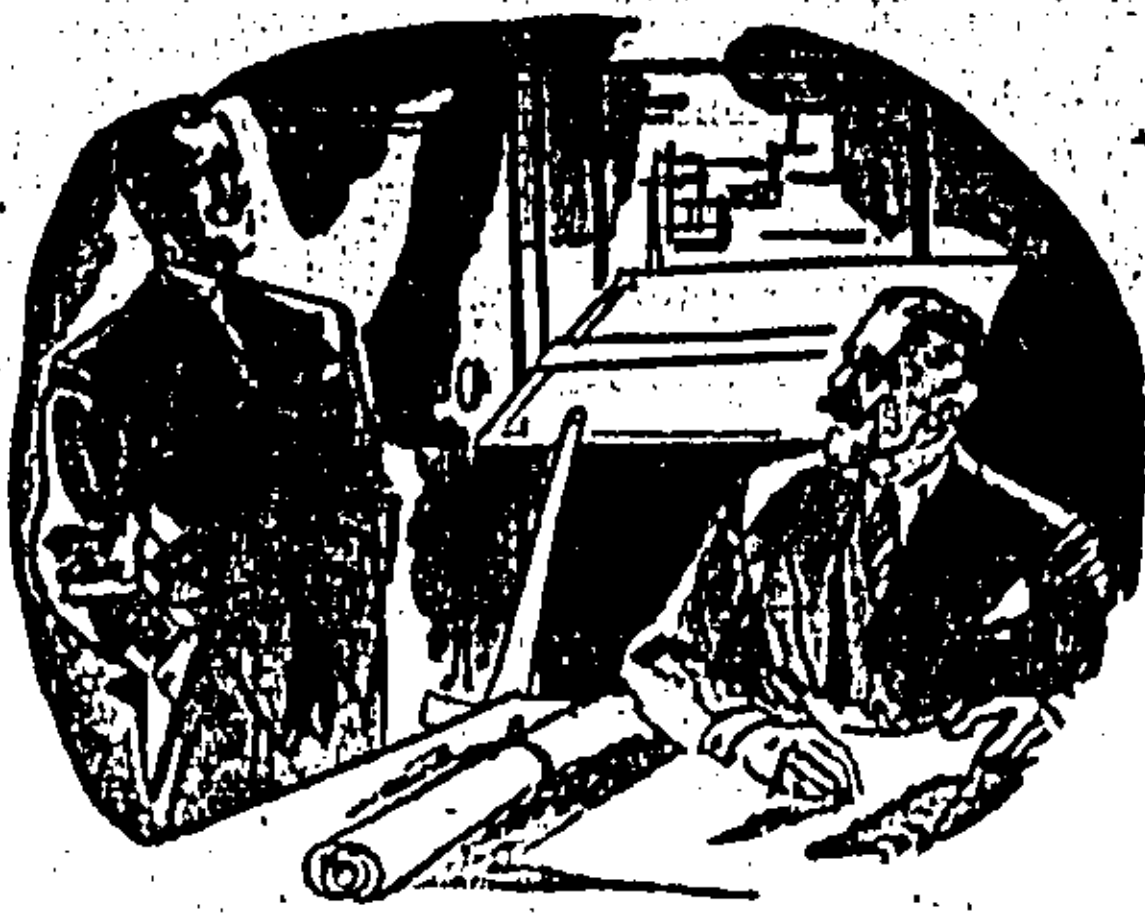
HUMPHREY BOGART goes to the mountains for his week-ends and is happy angling



A quiet time at home with his music gives JAMES STEWART excellent relaxation



OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND'S hobby is croquet



HAIL SMILING MORN!

"I feel so fit this morning I could tackle a very fierce man-eating tiger."

"Try tackling some of those estimates you should have finished yesterday."

"Now, David. No bitterness. It is a very beautiful morning. Let us cast aside our mundane tasks and harken to the pipes of Pan. If I were a poet, David..."

"You're not. You're a very busy consulting engineer."

"Come, come, Mr. Scrooge. Is there no spark of sentiment in that flinty old heart?"

"Flinty old fiddlersicks. Look here, David, what is bing you today?"

"Well — er — as a matter of fact I went to a party last night. The foaming beakers were knocked back with speed and precision. I had a whale of a time."

"H'm — you look fresh enough anyway."

"That is the climax of my story. Somebody gave me the tip about Gimlets. You know — Rose's Lime Juice being a therapeutic agent — anticipating hangovers — and so on. And it works!"

"H'm. Must make a note of that — Rose's Lime Juice. Confound! I've written it on the plans for the new reservoir!"



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HIS GIRL FRIDAY

One of the finest films with a newspaper background to have emerged from the Hollywood studios is "His Girl Friday," an entertaining, rapid-firing comedy romance of an editor and his ex-wife and best reporter.

Northwest Mounties Filmed In Technicolour

Effective technicolour enhances the spectacular effects of forest and canyon in "Heart of the North," a story of the exploits of the Royal Canadian Northwest Mounted Police. The picture follows "His Girl Friday" at the King's.

It takes some time for the story to get into stride, but once there it proceeds vigorously to a finish. There are thrills in plenty for those who like their film entertainment with a strong punch, and the characteristic gun-play and fistfights are given considerable fillip by the natural colour.

Man-getting in the Mountie tradition is the theme. Sergeant Alan Baker sets out to capture the killer of a comrade shot in the looting of a cargo boat by desperadoes. And the Sergeant does it, in time to bring the culprit back to the fort to prove the innocence of the heroine's father.

Dick Foran makes a handsome, dashing Mountie hero, with Gloria Dickson registering filial anxiety in the role of the distressed girl. Allan Jenkins keeps up a vein of genial humour, which makes the picture more enjoyable.

Nazis Reveal Italian Coal Shortage

A Berlin countermand to an order by the German army of occupation in Prague, which reveals Italy's urgent need of coal, became known when the Czechoslovakian Foreign Office in London issued the following statement:

"The General Staff of the German army of occupation in Prague, on the request of the German army command, in Slovakia, has ordered the State Railway of the protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia to supply several hundred trucks in order to hasten completion of the new strategic high road leading from west to east through Slovakia. Any objections had been made by the Czech railways the Berlin authorities cancelled the order given by the military authorities, and told the latter that deliveries of Slovakian and Bohemian coal to Italy, for which the Czech trucks are needed, must on no account be interrupted."

The film, now showing at the King's Theatre, is a mad, merry whirl of swift-paced action and racy comedy that leaps ahead with every foot of film and does not leave the spectator much time for other thoughts. It certainly maintains the reputation which Columbia has gained for turning out hits like "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town" and "You Can't Take It With You."

The story revolves round the efforts of Walter Burns (Cary Grant) to get back the services of his former sob sister spouse, Hildy Johnson (Rosalind Russell) in order to cover the one last assignment—the hanging of Earl Williams (John Qualen) for the slaying of a policeman.

Hildy, however, is supposed to entrain that very night—to become the bride of insurance salesman Bruce Baldwin (Ralph Bellamy).

She has decided to give up newspaper work for good, but Burns manages to get her interested in the hanging by a ruse. Once she takes up the story, Hildy becomes strictly the reporter, and forgets the man who is waiting to marry her. The complications develop when she discovers that Burns has been up to his old tricks. By this time, however, her reporter's blood is so keenly excited that she cannot but carry on.

The greater part of the fun comes from the snappy dialogue of Burns and Hildy, and from the hard-boiled conversation of the press room. The background of a newspaper office is well produced, even to the lack of ash trays, and mayors, sheriffs and electors all come in for a good satirical dig.

Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, two veteran Chicago newspapermen, wrote the story. Howard Hawks directed.

"Gone With The Wind" Has Long Local Run

"Gone With the Wind," which had its local premiere on the first night of the recent black-out, has been drawing good audiences to the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, where it is being shown. The film has been held over for another week, and the next change at these theatres will be on Saturday next, when "Beau Geste" will be the picture.

This remarkable novel by Margaret Mitchell, a former feature writer on the "Atlantic Sunday Journal," has sold over two and a half million copies. The film rights were purchased when the story was still in manuscript form by David O. Selznick, the Hollywood producer, who realised the possibilities of the story despite the fact that it was a first novel by a comparatively unknown writer.

The film has been four years in the making, much of the time taken up with historical research work, and has cost something like \$4,000,000.

One of the greatest difficulties that Selznick encountered was to find an actress to play the leading part, Scarlett O'Hara. He could not discover the type amongst Hollywood players, and sent scouts all over the United States and Canada to try and secure for him one that really suited the character. The search was unsuccessful, test after test proved a disappointment, until one day the producer's brother brought a guest to the studio in the person of Vivien Leigh, who had a good reputation in England as an actress but was quite unknown in America.

Selznick took one look at her and ordered an immediate technicolour test. The part of Scarlett O'Hara was there and then decided. Any one who has seen the picture will agree that it was a happy choice.

Small Boy and Silver Cornet

MR. BENN was the bandmaster in a neighbouring village to Egremont, Cumberland. He had a lovely silver cornet.

When Mr. Benn died, a ten-year-old schoolboy, youngest member of Egremont Town Band, was given permission to play with the band at his funeral.

That was twelve years ago. But Mrs. Benn remembered the little boy in the band.

Recently the boy now a blacksmith in the Royal Navy, returned to his native town, a survivor from the torpedoed transport vessel *Monmouth* named Ali El-Kehir.

He escaped from the vessel in his vest and shorts. All his belongings, including a much-cherished trumpet he used to play in, a local dance band and which was his dearest possession, were at the bottom of the Atlantic.

At the week-end Blacksmith Todd received a letter from Mrs. Benn, widow of the bandmaster.

He called on her and was given the silver cornet which Mrs. Benn had treasured since her husband died.

BERTIE the Blaster IS GOEBBELS' NEW STAR AS HAW-HAW SLIPS

LORD "HAW-HAW," GERMANY'S EX-PUBLIC ENTERTAINER NO. 1, HAS SUFFERED THE FATE OF ALL COMEDIANS WHO HARP TOO LONG ON THE THEME. HE HAS LOST HIS NO. 1 POSITION TO A NEW "STAR."

Bertie is a twice-nightly turn. He speaks from the "Workers' Challenge Station"—one of four new German efforts at propaganda in English. AND HE SWEARS.

THE CRIMSON COCKNEY

Haw-Haw has lost his public because he couldn't keep up his original suave and amusing sarcasm. Nowadays he often drops into tiresome, nervous hysteria. Bertie hopes to recapture your attention—by Rabelaisian abuse of the British leaders.

Lined up with Bertie the Blaster and his Workers' Challenge Station in this new "English-speaking" propaganda drive, are:—
(1) The "British Broadcasting Station"—a dull affair, chiefly recognisable by its rendering of "God Save the King" played out of tune.

(2) The "Christian Peace Movement"—which extracts odd bits from the Gospels to demonstrate that Britain is wicked, and must be punished, while the hope of the world is exclusively vested in Hitler.

(3) "Radio Caledonia"—which is Goebbels's plan to divide the Scots from the British effect. It assumes that the gentle Scot has neither common sense nor business acumen. It tries to persuade him that if he sticks to Britain he will be doomed to perpetual poverty and the loss of every bawbee he has saved.

Nothing to Him

up. And our leaders are "Fat b— reptiles," "Fat lousy soda," All these efforts are as and "Dirty skunks"—to say nothing compared with the nothing of "Rotten scoundrels." Crimson Cockney. His talk lasts R.A.F. planes are so rotten about 10 minutes. Unfortunately, that pilots are afraid to go up ly there is a shortage of in the air.

material, so that the second talk is a repetition of the first.

Bertie the Blaster has a more led us to defeat. Nor for Mr. than Jack Warner habit of drop-Churchill, who has promised ping aspirates and consonants that London shall be in "re-on the lines of "Ee adden orter wins." Nor (he says) for the a ettit."

His politics are a wondrous Bertie uses fewer adjectives essence of all the caricatures of a colourful character on soap-box oratory ever presented, nights when he is not speaking Sophisticated people make of personalities.

Careful!

Bertie the Blaster is careful in his call sign to rally only workers in Britain and North-

Working men won't have ern Ireland. Apparently he does much of Bertie, because they not care what happens to the don't like dirty language in oppressed workers of Elre. Or, front of the "Missus and kids," perhaps, the Germans do not want complications with Mr. de Valera.

Tough on "Herb"

"Mr. B— Morrison has been you demonstrate in Downing opening his mirth," says the street don't mind the coppers. Crimson Cockney. "Ee has The British "errand" won't stand been making a grite offensive. for them using their sticks. "The only b— offensive he mikes is against the workin' The bosses will run like rats. classa."

So Mr. Morrison, "who thinks b—" old men dictate to you he is a grite Napoleon," is to be because they have a bank thrown in the Thames. balance?

Factories are going up in That's Bertie the Blaster, the smoke. Docks are being b—d Crimson Cockney.

Rhymes About Town



TRANCE UNDER A HAIR DRIER

I bask in a little world alone,
Deaf to the boisterous telephone.
No strident snatches of conversation
Can puncture my lonely cerebration.
Not even engines en route to a fire
Can pierce the privacy of the drier.
It roars as loud as a storm on the ocean
And shuts out all but its own commotion.

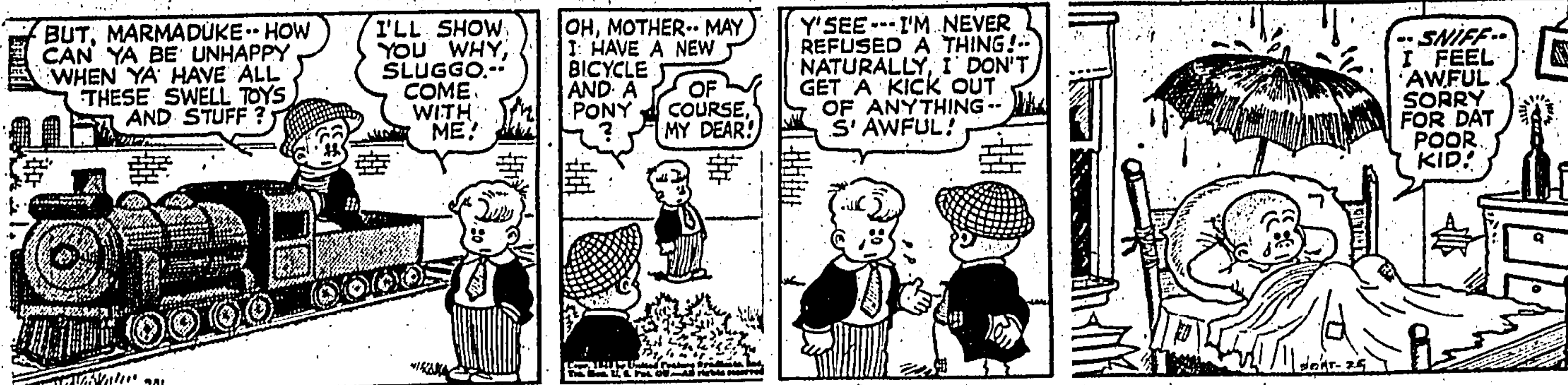
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- Luminous
- Large arteries
- Unmolested
- Less blood
- Never (noctile)
- Medicinal plant
- That being
- Thin (French pl.)
- One of Celtic race
- Paris
- Plaque in London
- Shore
- Prud
- Ship's contents
- Do be it
- Fancy girl
- Drumhead
- Great way
- Palm food
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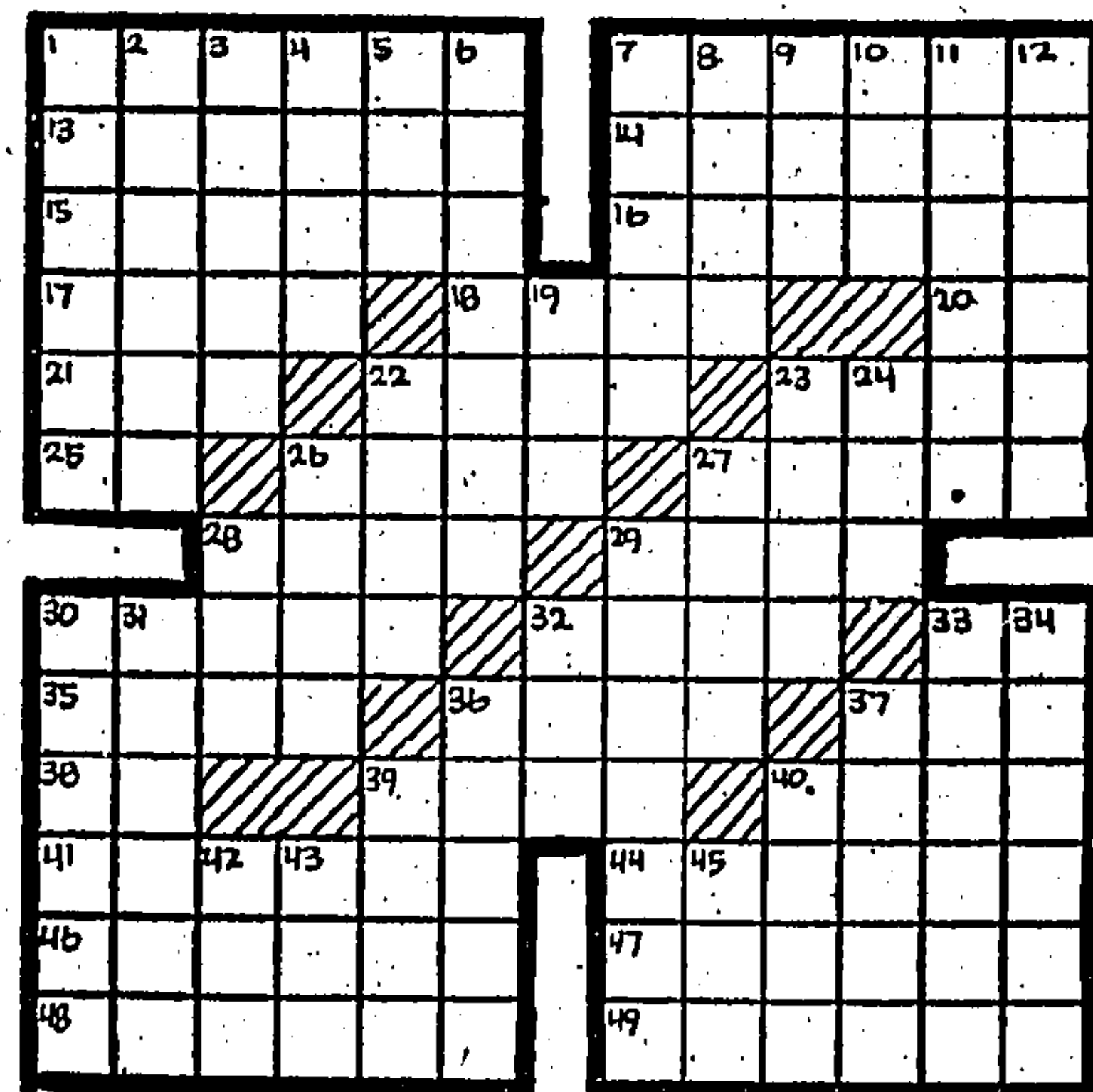
DOWN

- Measure of area
- Tavern
- Planned
- Wooden shoe
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Victor Schiff, though of German nationality, was educated in France. He went back to Berlin to become a journalist and became one of the most prominent figures in the Social-Democrat movement.

One of Hitler's first moves after coming to power in 1933 was to deprive Mr. Schiff of his nationality for the two men had been at daggers drawn for many years.

By a series of audacious moves, Mr. Schiff escaped from Germany with his wife and children despite the Gestapo, who were in hot pursuit of him.

Mr. Schiff then settled in Paris as one of the resident correspondents of a leading London daily newspaper.

In this article he describes the true France as he saw her after the France-German armistice.

French volunteers really are in France. If the Petain cabinet considered them merely as a negligible handful of adventurers it would ignore them. But the so-called French government knows perfectly well that the hearts of the vast majority of the population are on the side of these last champions of France's honour and Liberty. The German government is not less aware of their popularity and is afraid of it. Hence the clumsy attempt by the upside down. It has been a crime in Marshal Pétain's eyes to stigmatize these men as "traitors" and "deserters". As one of the last journalists to leave France after the signature of the armistice, I am in a position to give evidence on the true feelings of the French people during their last days of freedom. I saw many call those of their "traitors" who are willing to help Great Britain in winning the war and in saving their country from the greatest disaster and the worst humiliation in its history.

By threatening with capital punishment the members of General de Gaulle's army now on British soil Hitler's French robots in Vichy are, in fact, admitting how popular these mayors of villages.

Never did I hear in these tragic days of the military disaster a single word of reproach against England. But there was a current of talk about incapacity and treachery with regard to the French General Staff and so-called Fifth Column. The purely French decision not to defend Paris came as a thunderbolt to every man and broke the spirit of resistance of the French Army.

It was only from that moment that people began to talk about the necessity of an armistice. I heard heated arguments everywhere on that subject. But even those who were in favour of seeking an armistice considered as a matter of course that the French navy should be put at the disposal of the British Admiralty and that the French Air Force should be sent in time across the Mediterranean in order to let the French Colonies carry on the war on the side of the British Empire.

When I was over hundreds of French officers and soldiers, mainly the airmen, rushed to the British ship. They all asked to be taken to England. A register was opened in front of the warship on the quay. It was soon covered with signatures. A British liner, the volunteers were told, would arrive during the night from Gibraltar and take them to England the next day. The next morning the volunteers gathered in highest spirits on the bank. The liner had now arrived. The number of volunteers rived. The number of volunteers rived. The number of volunteers rived.

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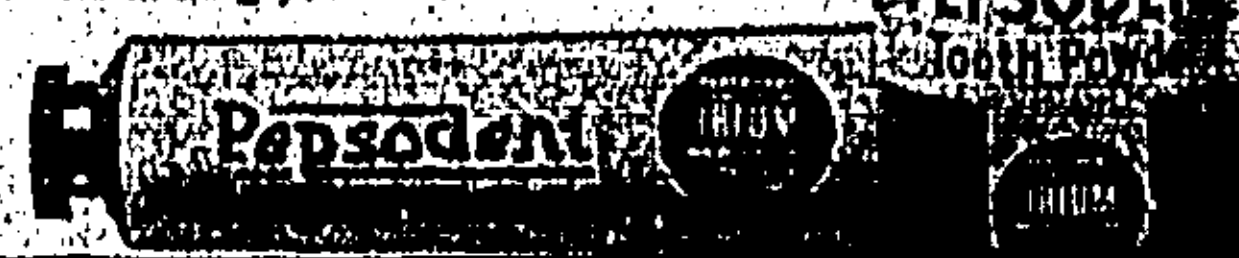
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The Yellow Emperor made roads, and built boats to facilitate transport by land and river between the different parts of the country, and during his reign a happy, contented, music-loving people made flutes and pipes, music with bells, and many different kinds of stringed instruments.

But if the Emperor Huang Ti did all this for China, it was his Empress Lei Tsu who made a discovery that was of even more lasting importance to her country. Legend has it that it was Lei Tsu who, when sitting one day beneath the mulberry trees in the palace garden, noticed a little worm feeding on its leaves; she watched and discovered that at a certain stage in its development this worm wound itself into a soft, silken cocoon, which, when carefully unwound produced a long, strong, shining silken thread.

The Empress realised that this thread could be woven in just the same way as the wool and hemp out of which the people already made their garments, but instead of producing a rude rough homespun material it could be woven into lovely fabric of a far, far more delicate texture.

So the Empress had special sheds and heated rooms made for the silkworms, and she taught her women and girls to care for them and feed them with fresh mulberry leaves; they learned to do fine weaving and beautiful embroideries; and

now, while the men tended the farms and the land, the women looked after the silkworms, and in this way the silk industry of China began.

Right up until recent times, while the Emperor ploughed a furrow at the Temple of Agriculture during the Spring Festival sprays of water plants, flames of fire, pheasants, and the like of these symbols to be found on Chinese embroideries. I will give a list of them.

On the emperor's upper robe, was a sun (with a three-legged bird on it), the moon (with our old friend on it), the stars, the mountains, a pair of dragons and the hure of immortality), the selection of them, varying in number according to their rank.

TO return to the story of silk, the Sung dynasty, (A.D. 960-1279) was so prolific in all art forms, was equally rich in textiles. The favourite designs of Sung weavers were those which may often be seen copied on broodery to-day—dragons, pheasants, sprays of rose-mallow, fishes swimming among water plants, storks, and lions playing with balls.

During the reign of the world famous Kublai Khan of the Yuan dynasty (A.D. 1280-1368) Chinese silks were seen in Europe. The large ocean-going Chinese junks of this time were able to get as far as Aden thus facilitating transport of goods between the East and the Persian influence west.

During the Ming dynasty (A.D. 1368-1644) and the Ch'ing dynasty (A.D. 1644-1912) the most typical designs were floral. Thus we get the flowers of the four seasons, the peony, the prunus, the lotus and the chrysanthemum constantly appearing in the textiles of the period.

To the Chinese, the peony, which is the sign of spring, is the king of flowers, an emblem of love and affection. The lotus is the emblem of summer and fruitfulness. It is often seen on silks since to the Chinese it is a sacred flower.

It is a symbol of purity and perfection because it grows out of mud and is born clean. The chrysanthemum is the emblem of autumn, and a symbol of good fortune, and fellowship and joviality. The prunus is the emblem of winter.

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SOME of the most beautiful of the Chinese textiles to be seen to-day are the ceremonial robes. These were woven in the same way as we weave tapestry in Europe, but the Chinese used silk for the warp and the weft and a considerable amount of metal thread was also introduced.

You will often see panels of some of these robes in collections of Chinese embroideries and hangings. Very commonly landscapes were also woven, and so fine is the work that they might have been painted, in fact some of the finishing touches were often put in by the brush, but this technique was not employed until the 19th century. Most of these to be seen in Europe date from the eighteenth, century and later.

The stitches used were in themselves quite simple and within the scope of most women who make a hobby of embroidery. They consisted chiefly of long and short satin stitch, stem stitch, and Chinese knots; when using thicker thread, such as the gold thread, couching and laid work were also used.

THE symbols used in Chinese embroidery, like those on the pottery and porcelain, all have a significance of their own.

The deer which is to be so often seen upon Chinese tapestries is supposed to live to a very great age, and has thus become one of the symbols of long life; it is said to be the only animal who is able to find the fungus of immortality, and the Chinese still eat large quantities of larchhorn as a medicine in the hope of prolonging their days.

The dragon is the symbol of the Emperor, and the Phoenix of the Empress.

The dragon of course, is always occurring, and is one of the most important of all symbols used in Chinese decoration, since unlike his character in the western world he stands for good and not for evil.

The bamboo, so often to be seen in all forms of Chinese decoration, may also be seen recurring in much of the Chinese embroidery. It has been called "the friend of China" as it may be found in the majority of districts of the country. It has many qualities, like the deer it is a symbol of longevity, possibly because of it, is evergreen. A story told of the bamboo is that one of the twenty-four classical "examples of filial piety," had a sick mother who longed for a soup made of the shoots of the young bamboo. Since it was winter her son was unable to satisfy her craving, and his grief at this was so great that his tears, watering the earth, caused it to bring forth tender shoots out of the hard, frost-bound ground—and the old lady had her soup.

Chinese art is inseparably linked with the legend and history of the country. It is an art that springs from the earth and surrounding nature, showing in all its manifestations the Chinese delight in simple and beautiful things; an art in which we today may take an especial delight for in it may be traced a wisdom and serenity which is the inevitable outcome of a country that was old and cultured when those of the west were young.

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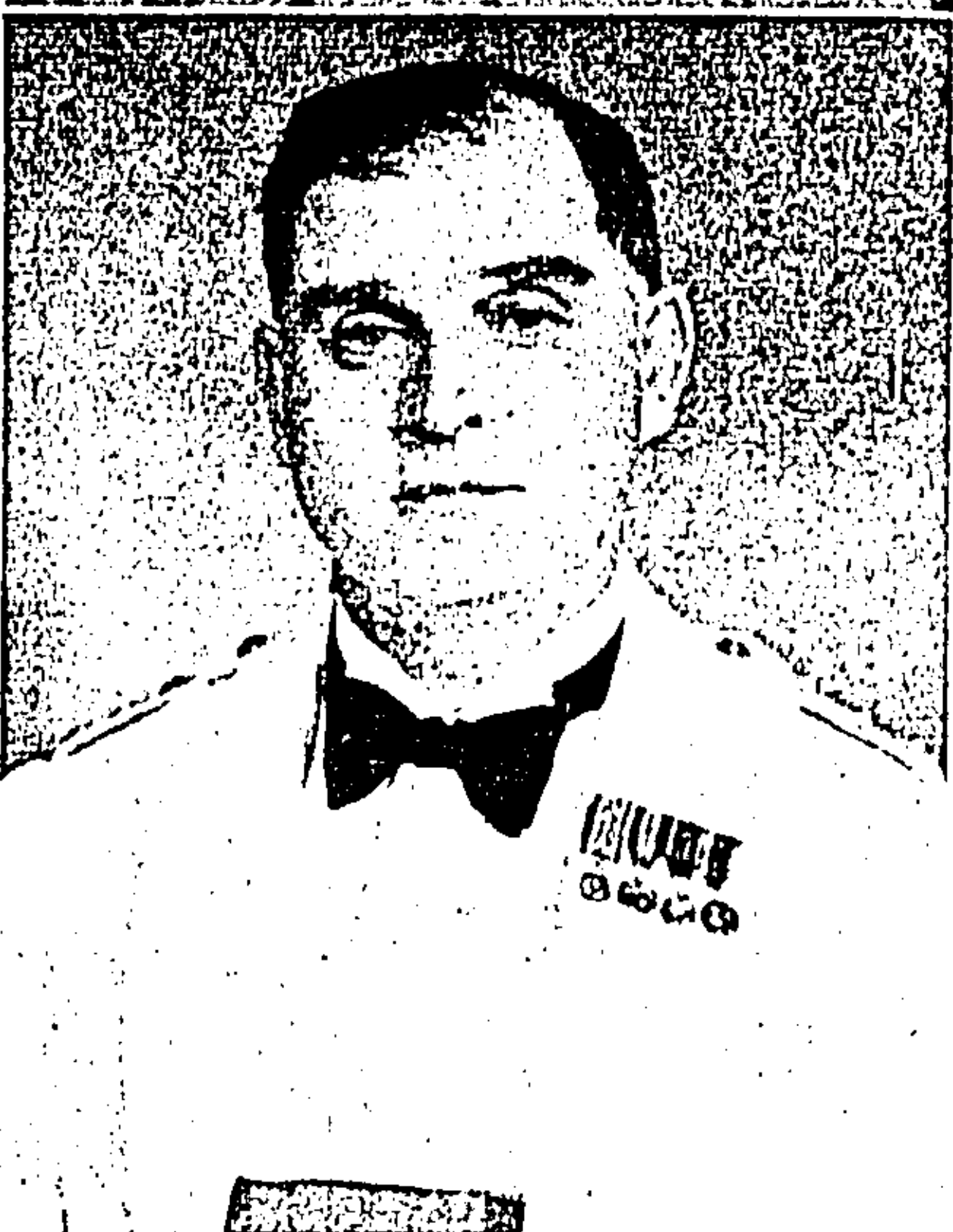
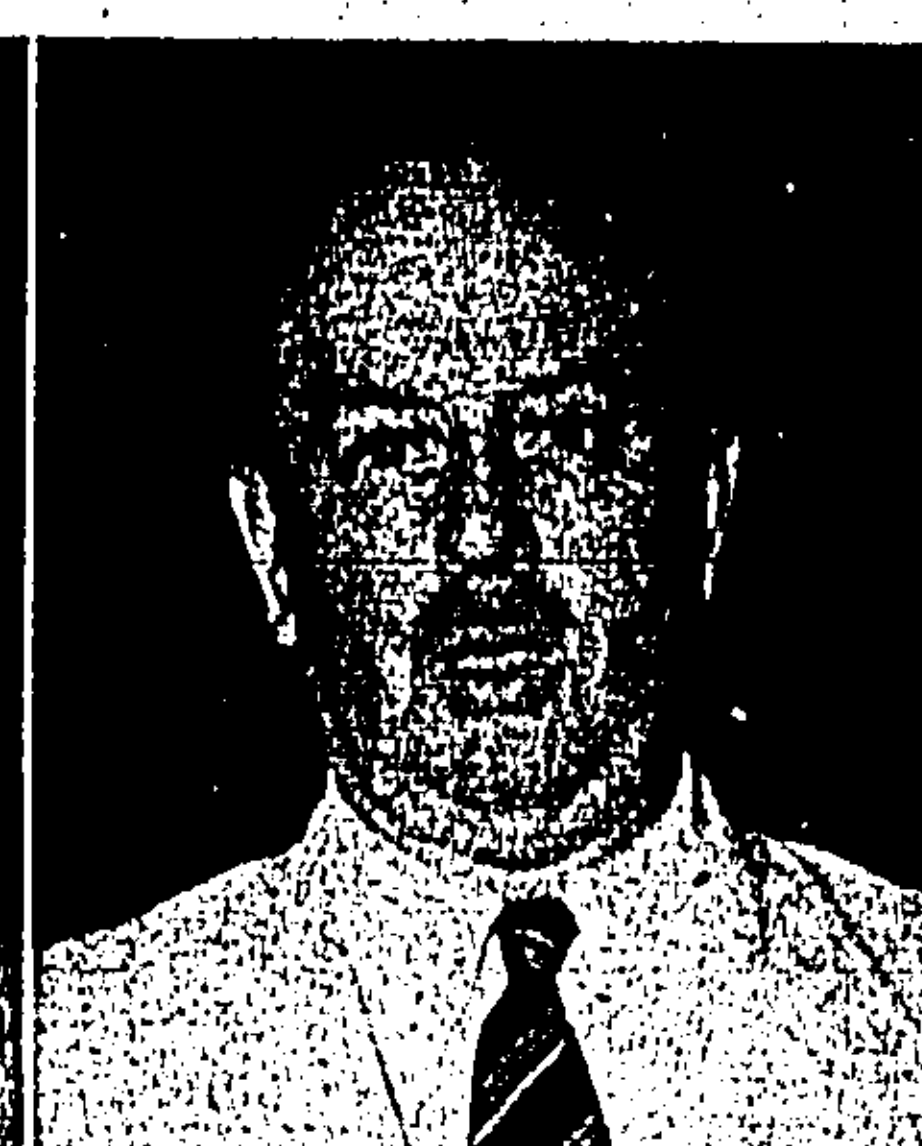
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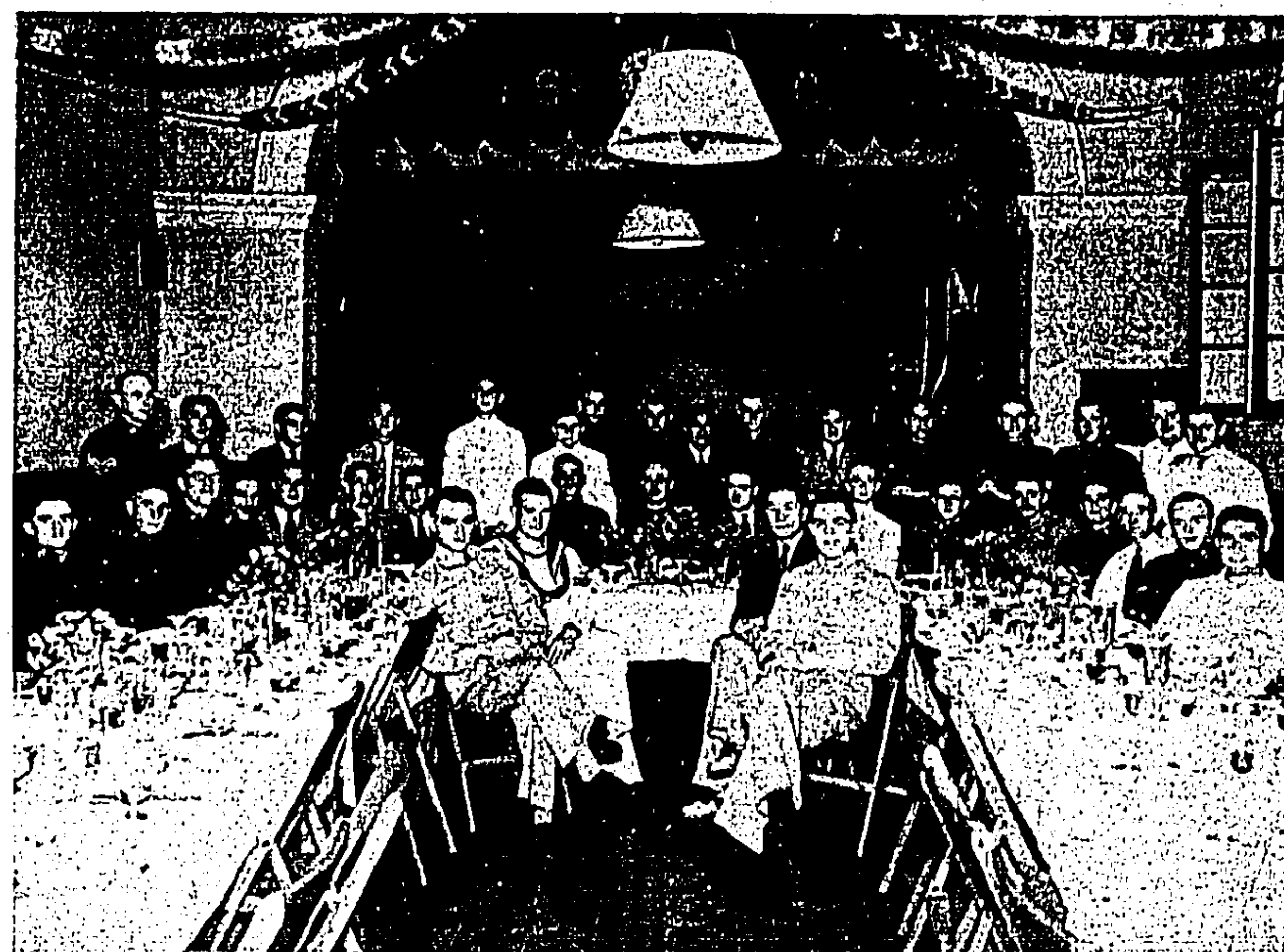
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ANNUAL DINNER

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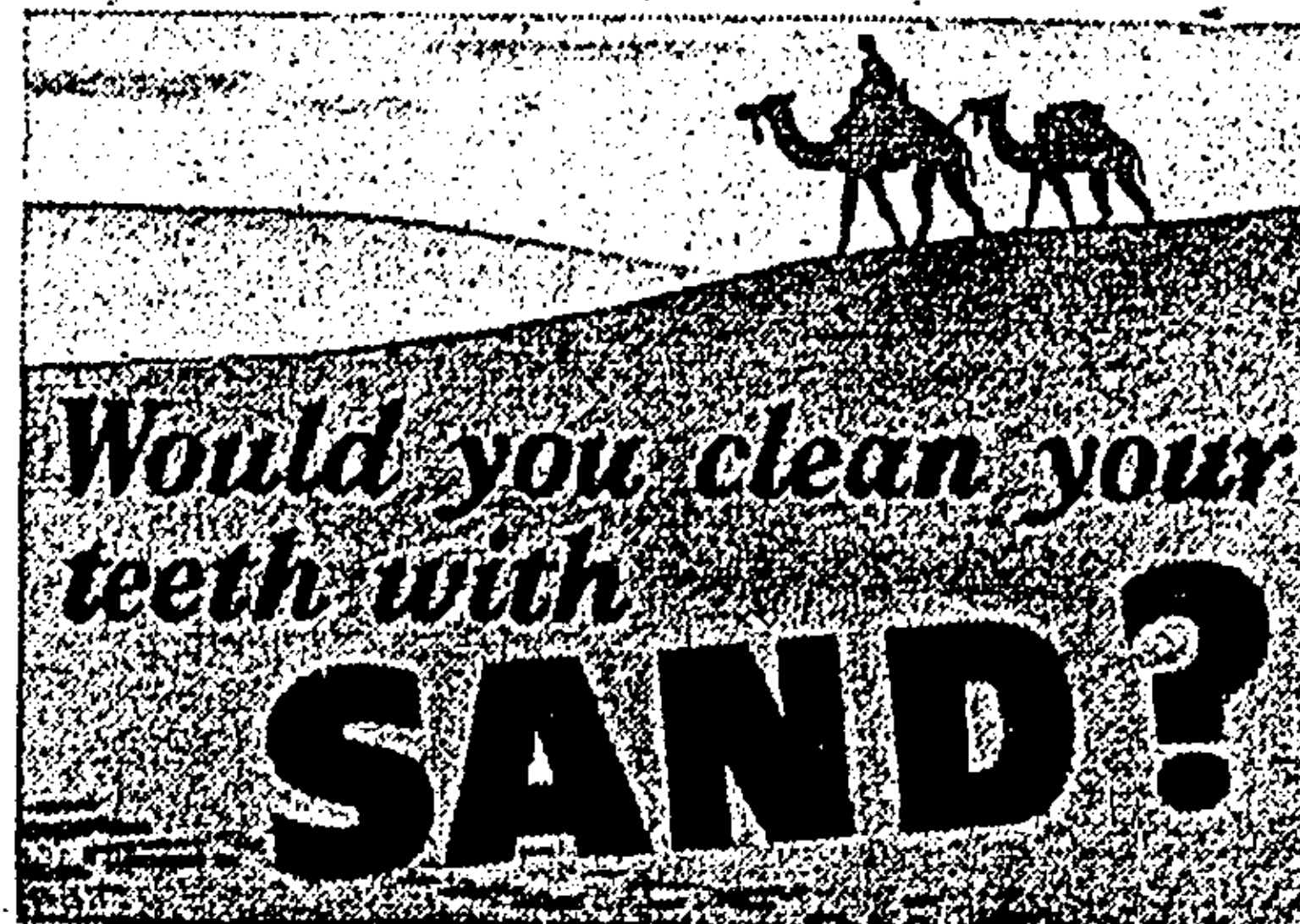
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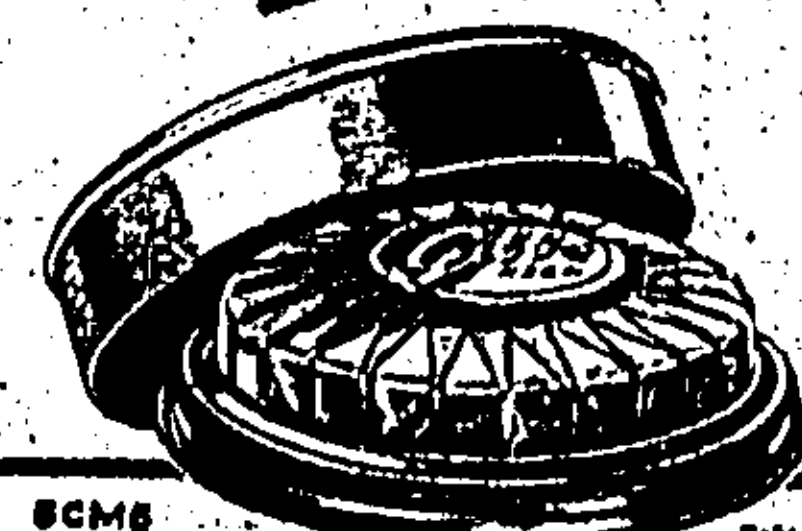
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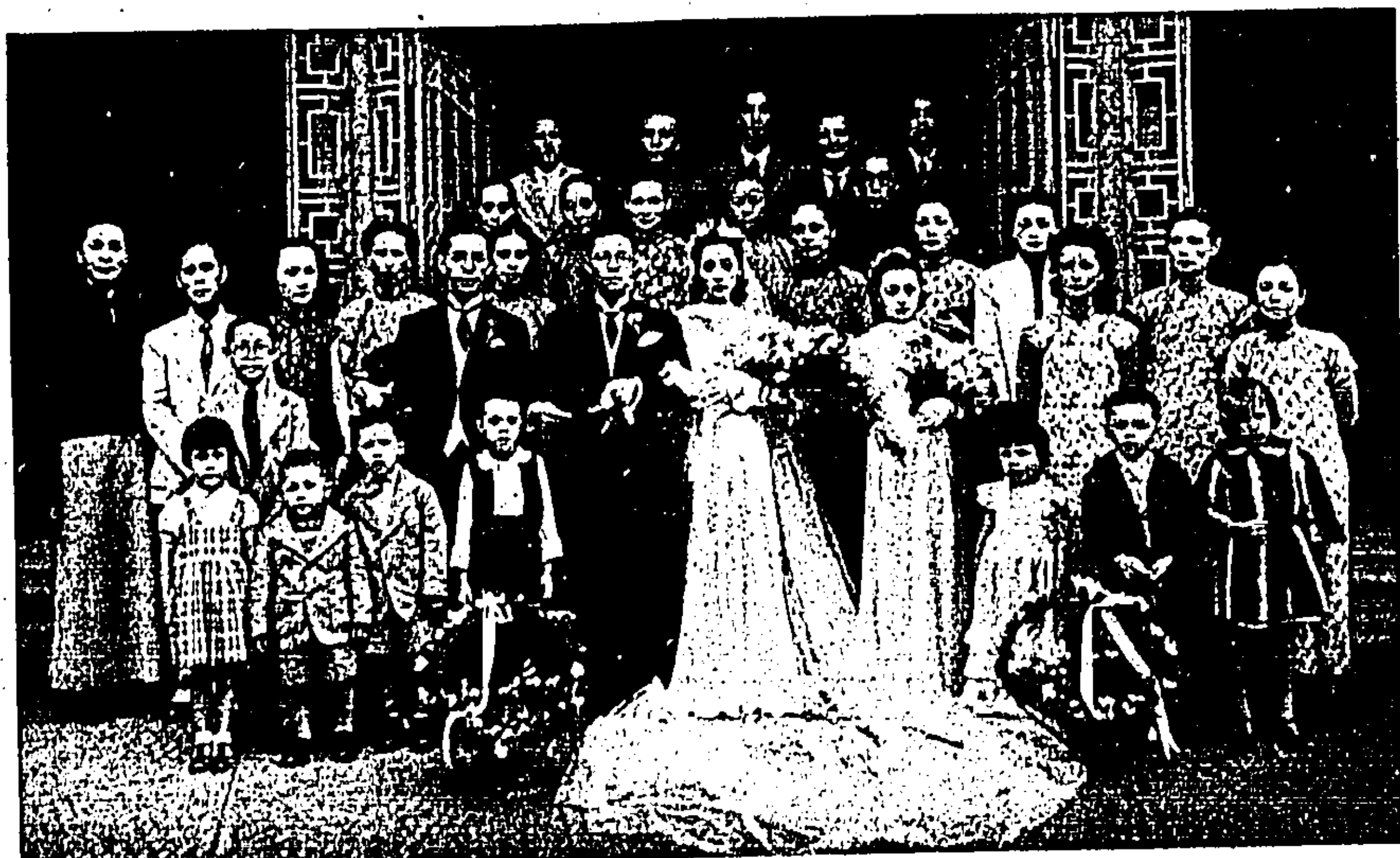
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Their task is unceasing, for the enemy is making, if anything, an even greater use of mines in this war than he did in the last; and it is more onerous and dangerous than ever, for they have to deal not only with the moored mine, about which we learned a great deal in the last War, but also now the magnetic mine. In addition to those they now have the added annoyance of having to be perpetually on the look-out for attack from the air.

The minesweeper's view of this matter of air attack varies. It is so much of their ordinary experience nowadays that they do not trouble even to report the fact that they have engaged aircraft during their turn of duty, but the fact of having to maintain constant vigilance upwards as well as downwards adds substantially, of course, to the strain of their already arduous duty. But they are not the men to boggle at an extra strain; rather the reverse, in fact, for some of them whose duty it is to man the guns while their mates attend to sweeping have been heard to complain, on return to harbour, that they had nothing to shoot at that day!

The sweepers are, in practice, divided into two forces, one of which, composed chiefly of trawlers and drifters using the particular form of sweep best adapted to them, is chiefly a searching force, while the other, of minesweepers proper, is the clearing force. The enemy has laid mines by submarine, by aircraft, and, in the long winter nights, it may have been by surface minelayers as well; but probably the submarine, as in the last War, is the chief agency.

Theoretically, the channels are searched by the trawlers, which, as they find mines, call up the clearing force to do their part.

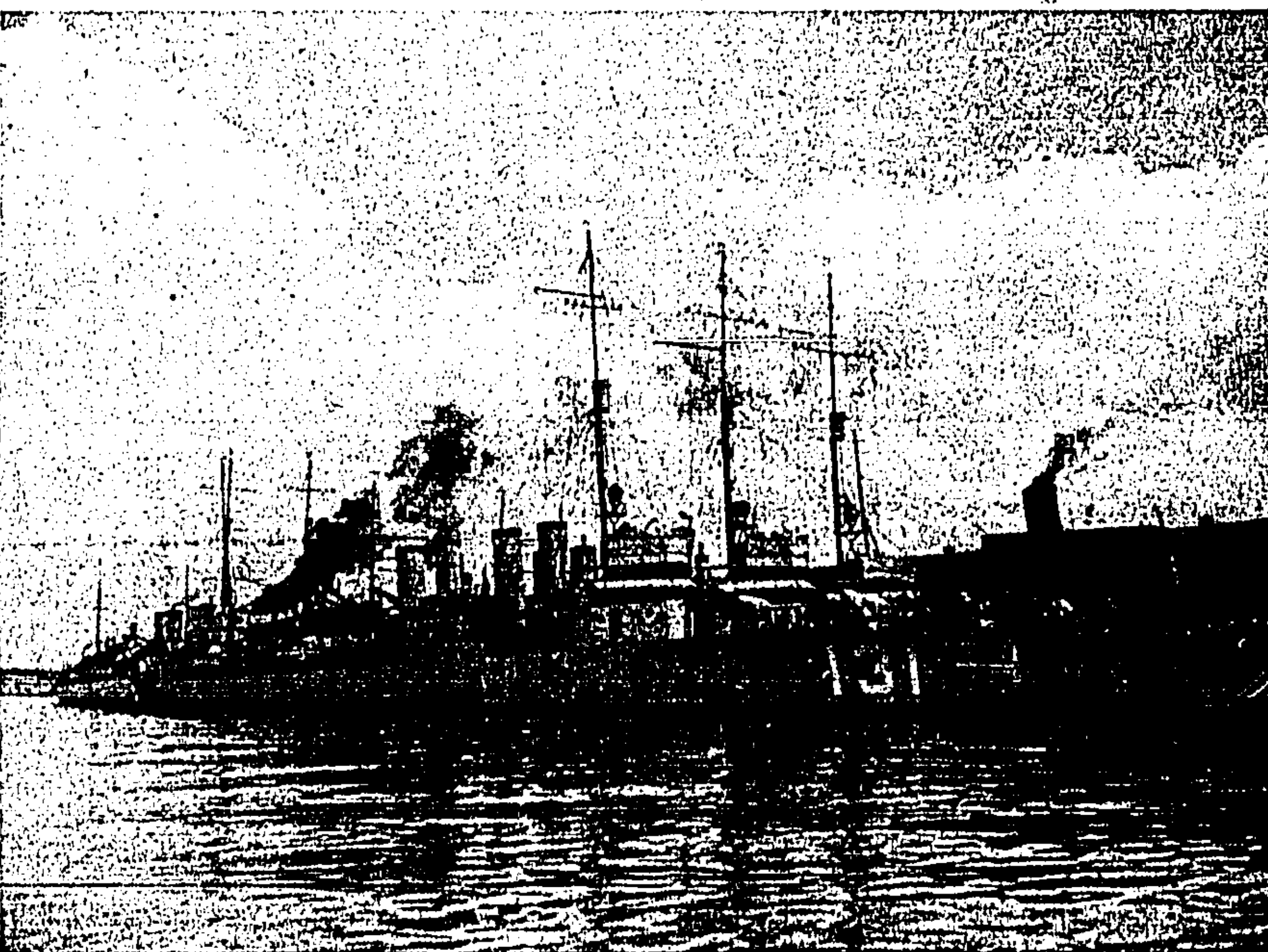
Safe Passage

But in practice it is a tradition of the minesweepers that shipping shall not be held up; and if there is a convoy awaiting passage when the trawlers find a minefield, and the mine-clearers are not immediately available—being perhaps equally urgently employed in another

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THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD-WILL that has characterised the relations between the British Empire and the United States here is dramatically typified by the American sailor, one of many who took some over-ago destroyers to eastern Canadian ports, and the Royal Naval rating who went over to help man the ships during their voyage to the United Kingdom. They are shown above on the stern of a U.S. destroyer.



A GROUP OF AMERICAN DESTROYERS, part of the fifty turned over to Great Britain by the United States in exchange for naval bases, arrive in a Canadian port just before they are handed over to the Royal Navy.

channel—the searchers will themselves take on the job of getting it through in safety.

It is related of one searching unit of three ships that, just as a convoy reached the channel for which they were responsible, they located mines which destroyed the sweep of one of them, while that of a second was lost when they started to clear their channel. Nevertheless, the single trawler remaining led that convoy through the minefield by putting all 60 or so ships of which it was composed in single line ahead and sweeping ahead of the leading ship herself.

The collapse of France and the occupation by the enemy of the French coast has made it possible for the enemy, by us-

ing aircraft for the purpose, to lay mines all round our coasts; and, indeed, German official announcements have not infrequently of late boasted that every port in the British Isles was closed to traffic thereby. In fact, so indefatigable and prompt have been the minesweepers that no British port of any size has been closed for as much as 24 hours. It would not be justifiable to under-estimate damage, delay, and inconvenience to our shipping caused by this intensive mining campaign by the enemy; but the men of the minesweepers are undismayed by its intensification, and merely redouble their untiring efforts.

Besides our own waters, British minesweepers have been

called on successively to clear Dutch, Belgian, and French ports as they came within the reach of the German minelaying planes. Moreover, as small, light-draft vessels which were on the spot, they took their full share in the evacuation of troops and refugees from those same countries.

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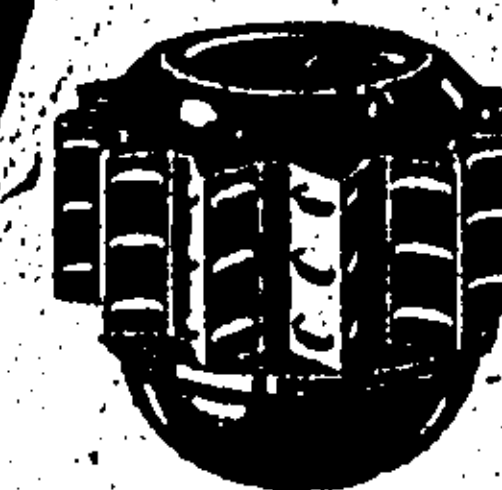
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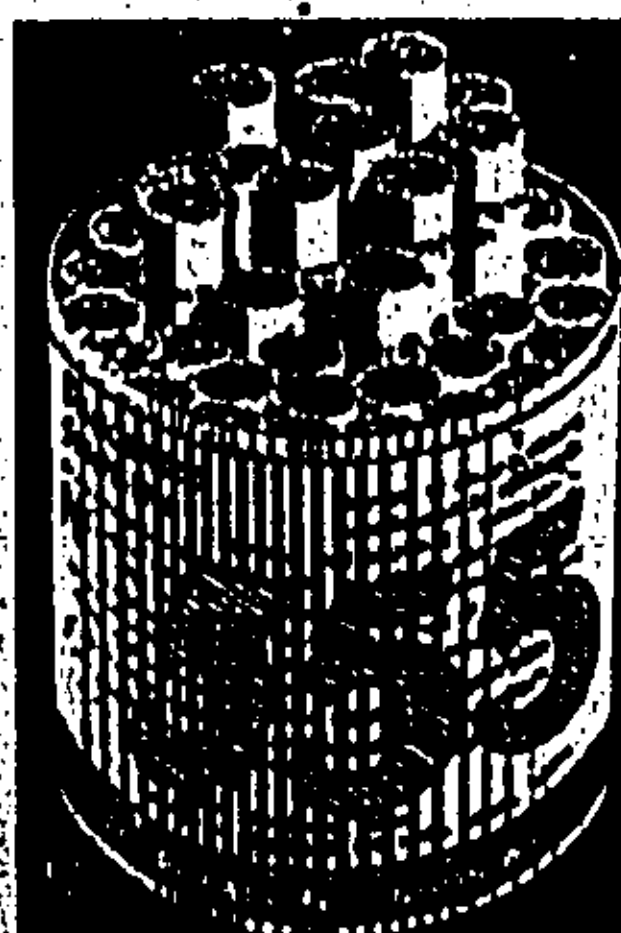
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The Pulse of Democracy, by George Gallup and Saul P. Rae. New York: Simon & Schuster.

BOOKS

GOVERNMENT by predominant public opinion might well be taken as the ideal of democracy, and is, in "The Pulse of Democracy," subtitled "The Public Opinion Poll and How It Works."

Yet the determination of public opinion remains among the least tangible of sciences, despite remarkable advances of recent years in the technique of sampling. Dr. Gallup's name is widely associated with the successful American Institute of Public Opinion, which he founded in 1933. Dr. Rae is one of his collaborators in the Institute as well as in this book.

Figures play strange pranks. The tailor discovered this when he prepared a stock of ready-made suits for men of average height in a community that turned out to have two distinct types—one very tall and the other very short. Within each of these groups there was an average, but neither of these averages fitted the tailor's suits. Only a few of his prospective clients needed his sizes.

A similar calamity on a larger scale befell the once famous Literary Digest poll in 1936. As Drs. Gallup and Rae point out, the Digest made the mistake of sampling more upper income classes than lower income classes. The former tipped the Digest figures in favour of Mr. Landon, but the latter elected Mr. Roosevelt by history-making returns at the polls.

Surprisingly, the Digest had displayed great accuracy up to that time. Its fall came with greater shock because of heights it had attained. The reason is that polls can hit close to the mark even with faulty mechanisms, provided some unforeseen factor is not at work.

The challenge daily before Dr. Gallup and his co-workers is to

foresee all, anticipate all, and prepare for all in the way of possible miscalculations. So far, the American Institute has done extremely well.

One of the fond illusions regrettably yielded after reading this book is the citation of Britain's famous Peace Ballot of 1934-35 as irrefutable evidence that the British people favoured collective security. The 11,539,165 ballots gathered did show a

THE GALLUP POLL— AND HOW IT WORKS

predominant support of the League of Nations and vigorous peacemaking, but Drs. Gallup and Rae find that the strata reached would be expected to take this stand.

The ballot, in other words, tended to be a poll of those already on the side of collective security, without giving proportionate weight to other forces in public opinion, including the powerful current toward appeasement of the dictators. That current later asserted itself, if not from the people, at least from influential leaders right down to a few months ago.

The authors defend their polls against a charge of being anti-democratic. Honestly administered, a poll comes closer and closer to reflecting public thinking on current topics. If some legislators allow this fact to influence them in climbing on the band wagon, at least they are

serving a wider mandate than that of some limited pressure group. Such is the defence of an institution that may not be the pulse of democracy, but is at least one of its barometers.

R. H. S.

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AN AMERICAN REPORTER WHO HAS JUST LEFT GERMANY

The Sheltered Life

DOWN in the shelter something stirred. There were twelve of us in a white-washed coal-cellar under a London street.

We were as uncomfortable as only twelve people in such circumstances can be.

The warden, a little officious, but unquestionably competent in tin helmet and bedroom slippers, shut the coal cellar door upon us.

Then it was that down in that shelter something stirred, that a miracle happened. For, to misquote a modern poet, everyone suddenly burst out talking.

There should, according to British tradition, have been silence relieved only by rustles, grunts and occasional ill-tempered barks on the subject of ventilation versus fag. Instead, an almost embarrassing atmosphere of goodwill sprang into being.

All Very Matey

The squashed young man shrank even further into his far corner to make plenty of room for the Largest Woman in the World who was overlooming on to him.

The sallow man opposite her lifted from his face the scowl which seemed to be his regular defence against the world's trials.

"It's nice," he snarled amiably, "to know we're safe—or 'ope so anyway. No bombs'd find their way down 'ere, I reckon."

This was the plump clergyman's cue. He cleared his throat for action.

"Ah, friends," he said, plumply, "there is One above."

A singularly loud explosion up above mocked his attempt to improve the shining moment.

... But So Mixed

It was capped by a rich rumble from among us. "How, now, you secret, black, and midnight hags!" declaimed the shabby owner—grey-haired, leonine, and wistful—of this rich, resonant voice, fruity as old (and recent) port.

"What shelter to grow ripe is ours," continued the old actor. "Ho! He! An apt quotation, gentlemen!" ("Mathew Arnold, madam," he added, bowing parenthetically to the Large Woman.)

The Large Woman sniffed just a little disapprovingly. The old actor looked indignant. "Misery," he quoted bitterly, "acquaints a man with strange bedfellows."

"Ere, chum, go steady," said the squashed young man in a shocked voice.

A typist diplomatically raised the temperature of mateyness with a contribution of dubiously acquired culture.

"Ter think," she said in tones of adonoidal superiority, "that theb Greeks 'ad sircs too. Ad they put wax id their ears to stob 'earig theb."

"Coo," said the squashed young man. "You don't say: Like them blast ear-plugs you get at the chemist."

Into The Night

The clergyman was dozing, but the word "blast" brought him to attention. He looked round the shelter warily.

But he was too late. The conversation had passed on to patent medicines. Thence it switched to food—and then to gardening.

We moved out into the night reluctantly when the all-clear sounded, for the shelter had broken down our English inhibitions, made us sociable, taught us that in some ways (even if it means danger) the life of the shelter is better than the sheltered life.

Stuart Fletcher

NAZI officials, intoxicated by success and feeling that the censorship protects them, talk frankly, and what they says often cannot be sent out of the country by American reporters unless the reporters wish to be expelled.

Here are some of the important stories that American reporters have wished to send out without being able to do so:—

1 Though the official Nazi line regarding the possibility of war between U.S.A. and Germany is that such an event is impossible unless U.S. is determined on it, high Nazi dignitaries have privately declared that such a war is probably inevitable.

2 Europe, its people punch-drunk and weary, is in for another war after this one if Nazi officials are correct in saying that Russia then will either stand and deliver Ukraine, the Baku oil regions, and the Baltic States, or Germany will take them.

3 Hitler still hopes that the invasion of England may be unnecessary, that the bomb-weary people will turn out Churchill's Government, put in a puppet Government of appeasers who will negotiate a peace that Hitler will make generous. This, of course, will be merely the first peace; later, after a series of "Munichs," each one weakening the British Empire still more, he will inherit the British earth without running the risk of rival nations grabbing it, or the risk of revolutions in such places as India.

4 Germany intends to turn France into a "fat Switzerland," annexing all northern France and part of central France to the Swiss border, including most of the industrial and mining sections of the conquered country. In addition the Nazis are trying to foment a National Socialist revolution in France that will give it the control of what little remains of that country as well as of the French colonies.

5 Any peace must give Germany hegemony, economically if not politically, over all Europe and Africa. This, the Nazis say, is as much as they can assimilate at the moment. Through the British puppet Government, through economic penetration of British industrialist appeasers, they will garner in the remainder of the Empire at their leisure.

6 Italy and its satellite States are already under Nazi domination, and, with Germany at Italy's northern boundary, and northern Africa under German control through the French puppet Government, Germany's Axis partner will be a permanent prisoner.

Nazi officials base their assertion about the inevitability of war with the U.S.A. not on any admitted designs on the United States, but on the premise that they can never solidly consolidate conquered Europe as long as the United States remains a major world power.

Every conquered nationality on the Continent, and every dissident group that does not accept German hegemony, will retain the spirit of resistance as long as there is a remote possibility that the United States might free them.

Thus, say the Nazis, Germany cannot fulfil her legitimate mission on the Continent because of American interference, and this, they continue, will probably lead to war.

Many Americans in Germany believe that the United States should declare war right now. They feel that, if Germany consolidates her position in the Continent into an economic entity, with central fiscal and barter with the U.S.A. not on any admitted designs on the United States, but on the premise that they can never solidly consolidate conquered Europe as long as the United States remains a major world power.

They do not base their argument on abstract right or wrong, on human freedom against Nazi terror, but on economic necessity.

An official German spokesman said to me on the day I left Berlin: "If you Americans fight us you will have to attack us, and you will be fighting a united Europe that hates you. The French hate you because you would not aid them; the English will hate you for the same reason when they lose."

On the other hand, in the event of victory over England, she would have the best army in Europe, and nothing to do with it unless she used it to turn into actually the ancient German dream of a drive to the East.

There are two great obstacles to German invasion of Russia, even in the event of victory or peace with England. The first is that much of Germany's population is genuinely weary of war. The second obstacle is that Germany has already expanded to danger point on the Continent.

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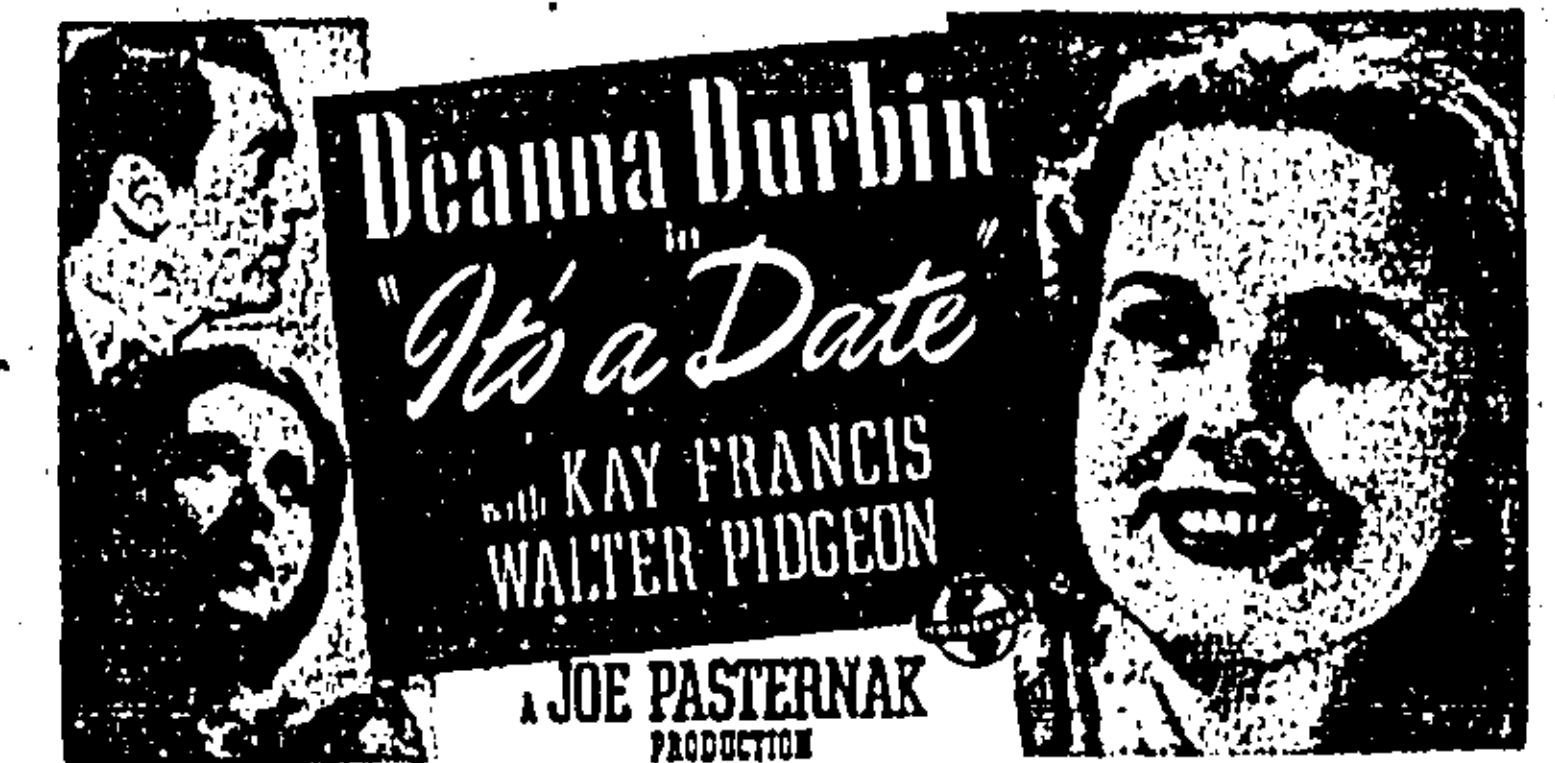
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CURRENT COMMENT... By Scrutineer

The war in Greece has not, from the Italian point of view, proceeded according to plan. The idea was that Greece should first of all recognize the hopelessness of the struggle and yield to the demands made upon her by the dictator. Greece, however, was not impressed by the Italian threats, nor was she convinced of the superiority of the Italian forces.

There was no record behind Italy in the way of military victories to justify any such claims. Italy's fleet has done nothing except hide behind shore batteries, and Graziani's army, in Egypt has been 'contained' now for many weeks. It is true that Abyssinia was vanquished by the use of poison gas and that the Italian army is installed in Addis Ababa. But Abyssinia is still an unconquered country.

Mussolini was expected to sweep over Greece in a few days and break the German record of conquest established in Poland and in Holland. The air arm and tanks were to pave the way for the advance of the main forces. That has not yet happened. What has happened is that the Greek troops have registered some successes where none were expected. It may be, of course, that Italy can bring, and she ought to be able to bring, overwhelming forces to bear in this invasion of Greece. But even if she proved successful, she will get no glory out of it and it will prove a costly adventure.

BRITISH ATTACK

The organisation of the British attack from this part of the Mediterranean must obviously take time. Aerodromes have to be made, anti-aircraft guns have to be set up, submarine bases established and men and material transferred without endangering other places. The independence of Greece depends on the defeat of the Italians, and it is material whether that takes place in Greece or in Egypt. What the Italians have done is to present Britain with these key points on Greek islands which she has long coveted, from which the south of Italy can be attacked and her convoys can be assailed.

It was Lord Byron who inspired the Greeks more than a hundred years ago to fight for freedom, and to that purpose he dedicated his private fortune, which was considerable, and to that end he finally gave up his life at Missolonghi. The British people have not only a military reason for helping the Greeks; there is a strong sentimental one too. The Greeks very properly laid wreaths on Byron's statue in Athens the other day, thus showing gratitude for the great help both material and spiritual which they received then. They know full well that Byron's spirit still counts and will call forth the maximum effort of which Britain is capable.

JAPAN IN CHINA

The withdrawal of the Japanese troops from China runs parallel with the evacuation of American and British citizens from occupied China. Japan is contracting her lines either voluntarily or under military and political compulsion. The Japanese people have at last realised that their army's achievements have in no way corresponded with their promises.

As one Japanese said in 1937, "We shall get control over a vast new territory if the army succeeds, or we shall get what we have not now got, civil control over the army, if it loses."

The navy's policy now seems to hold the field. The military expedition had to take place through the weakest part of the encircling Manchuria first, then northern China, and afterwards the whole of China were considered to be the obvious weak spots.

The explosion in this however has not lowered the pressure at home, it has destroyed it altogether, or made it difficult to maintain the spirit which ought to back up the army abroad. More than a year ago there was heard sharp criticism because the 'will to win' at home was not as strong as it should be. Now the people of Japan are to be asked to transfer their spiritual encouragement to the Navy, which offers quicker returns than the Army does.

The future development in the Far East will depend chiefly on the character of the United States policy. The issue is quite simple. Is Japan to be left in control, to dictate who shall or shall not trade with China? Are Chinese rivers to be kept closed to every other craft but Japanese? Are the treaties which safeguard the rights of the signatories to be denounced, without reference to the other parties concerned? These are important questions and must obviously be answered. The Japanese Foreign Minister cannot see why United States citizens should be evacuated from China. It is clearly because there must shortly be a 'show-down' in this part of the world in connection with these important matters.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

The re-election of President Roosevelt was generally expected. His foreign policy and that of his opponent were practically the same, and therefore the issue was whether the social or domestic policy initiated by President Roosevelt should be carried further. The movement in the United States is similar to that in Britain. The general aim is that the state is to assume more and more responsibility for the solution of social problems. The pioneering days of individualism are past, for there are too many able people excluded from the benefits of the competitive system, and some sort of control must be exercised to prevent exploitation in

industry and commerce from damaging the nation as a whole.

The great advantage in foreign affairs of the re-election of the President is that the present policy can be carried on, and speeded up by those who are familiar with its ramifications. Had Mr. Willkie been elected, he would have taken over the reins of office in six months time when many new administrators would have had to be installed. They would have had to study what their predecessors already knew. The dying administration, during its last six months would lack drive, and this might have had very serious consequences in foreign affairs. It is in the circumstances an excellent choice the people of America have made, and it augurs well for the democratic victory in the world which sorely needed such a stimulus. The very fact that neither Hitler nor Mussolini wished for the re-election of President Roosevelt is a testimony to his value to the other side.

DOG BROKE THE BLACK-OUT

—Owner Fined

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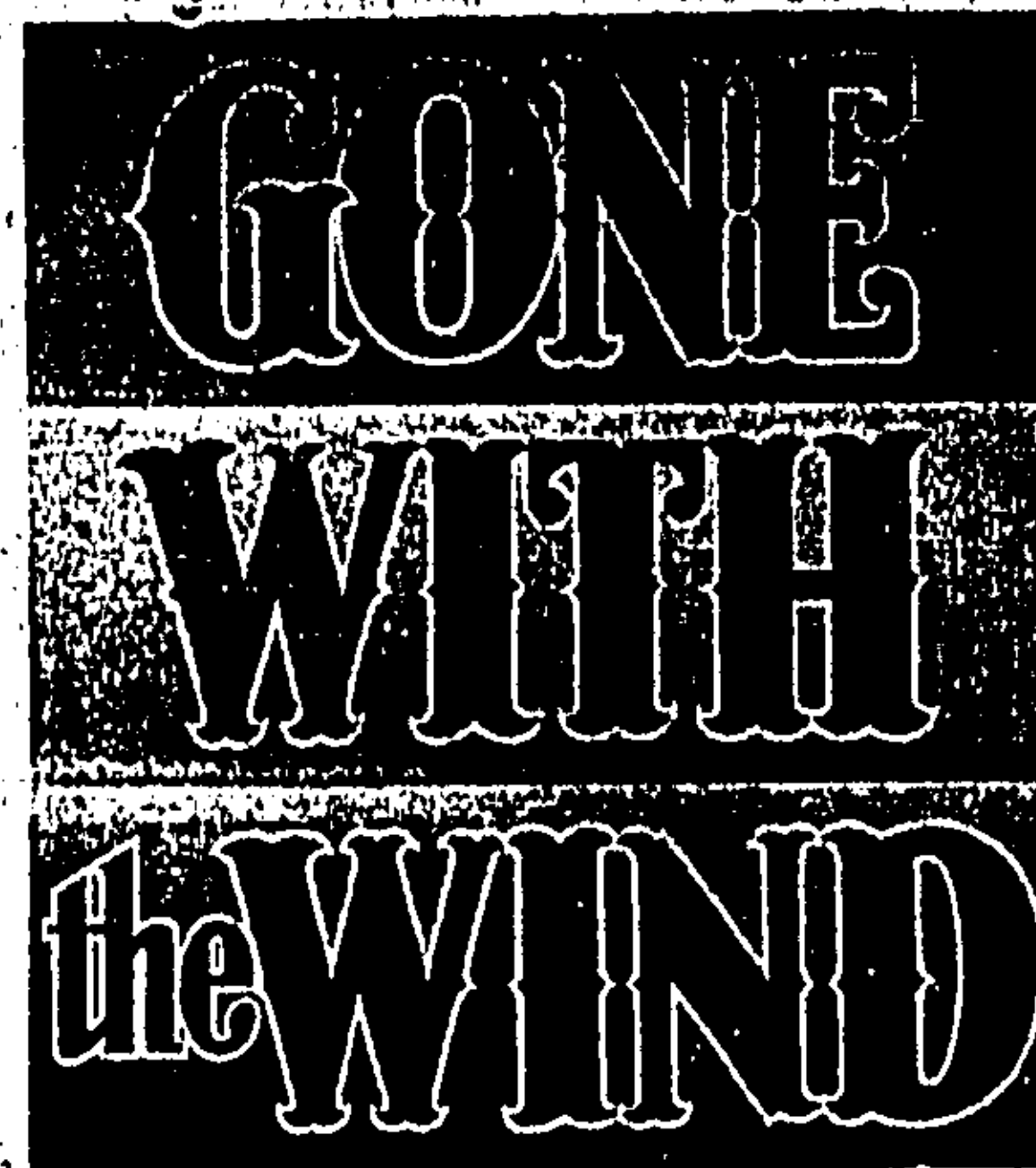


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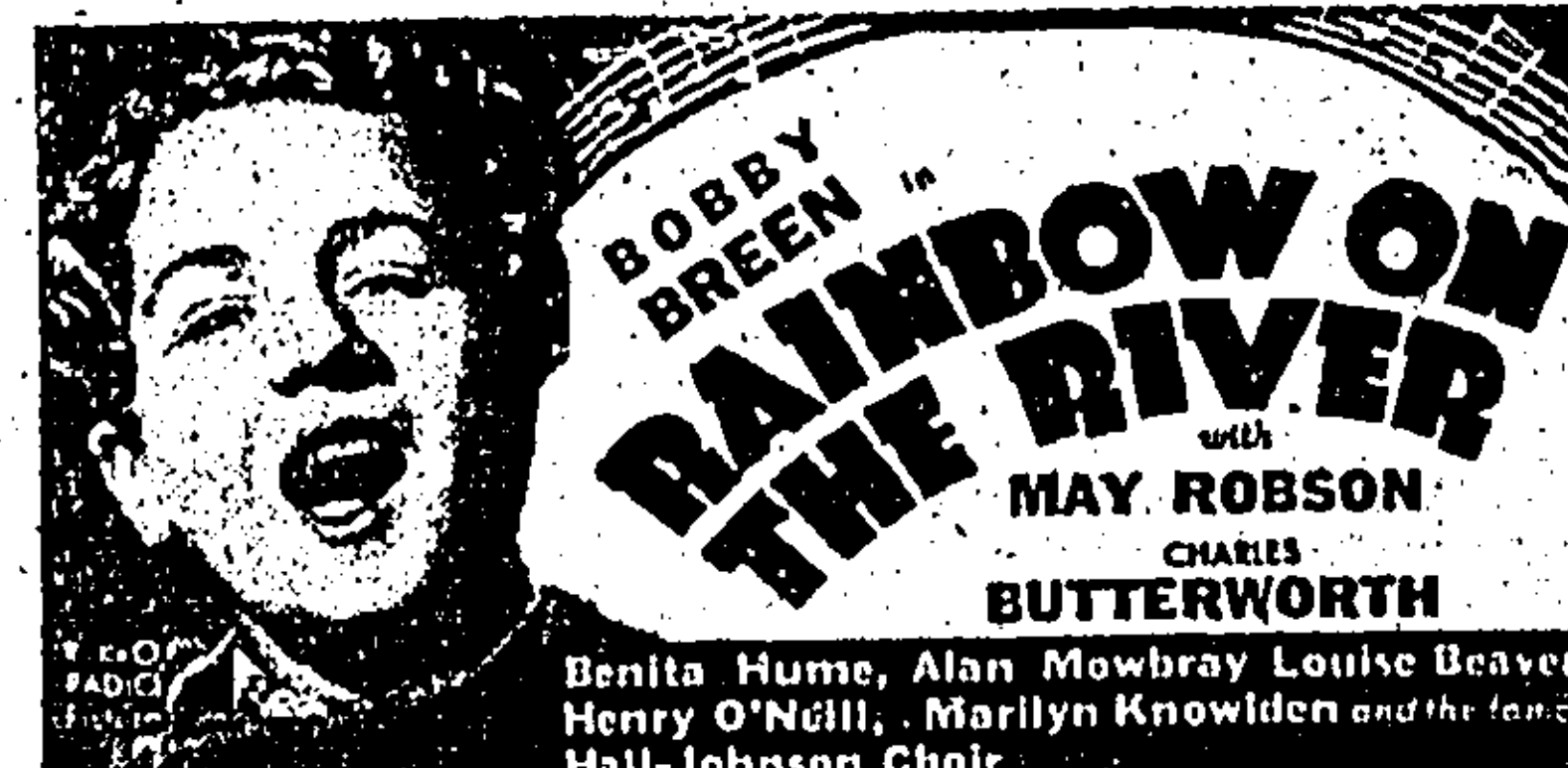
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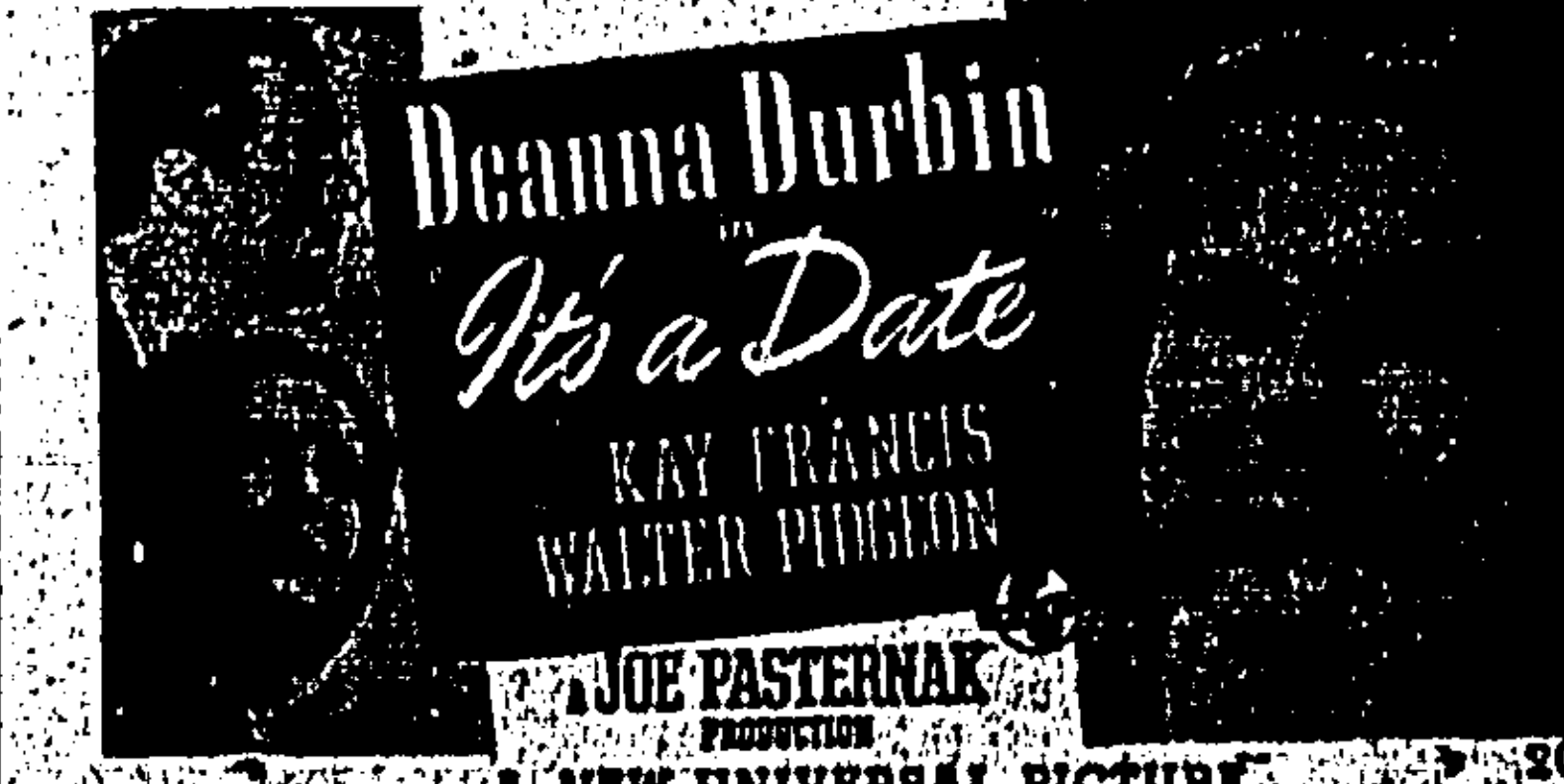
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